



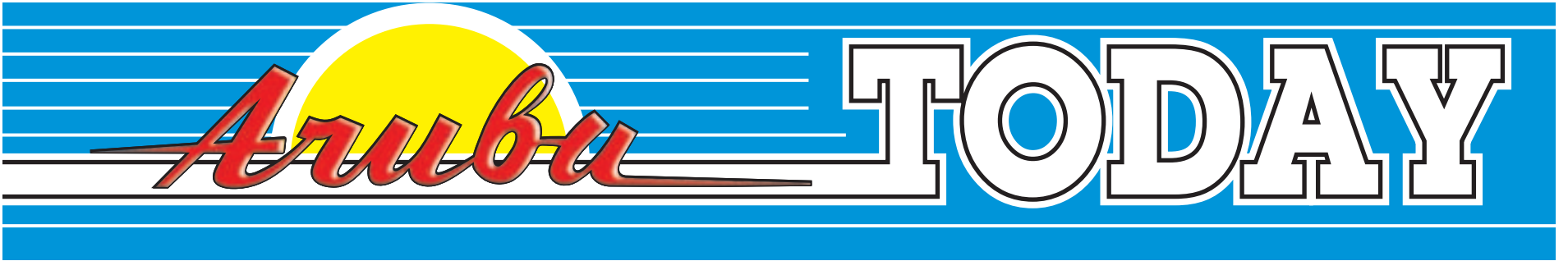
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# Obama Boosting US Military Effort In Europe

U.S. President Barack Obama answers a question during a joint news conference with Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski at Belweder Palace in Warsaw, Poland, Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

**JULIE PACE**  
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**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — President Barack Obama pledged Tuesday to boost U.S. military deployments and exercises throughout Europe, an effort costing as much as \$1 billion to demonstrate American solidarity with a continent rattled by Russia's intervention in Ukraine. But even as Obama

warned that Moscow could face further punishments, leaders of Britain, France and Germany were lining up to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin at week's end. Those one-on-one meetings would appear to send a mixed message about the West's approach to relations with Russia, given that the same leaders are also boycotting a summit Putin had been scheduled

to host this week. Obama does not plan to hold a formal meeting with Putin while both attend events Friday marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion that hastened the end of World War II, though the two leaders are likely to have some interaction. The U.S. president suggested there was no contradiction between efforts to isolate Russia and engaging

directly with Putin. "The fact of the matter is that Russia is a significant country with incredibly gifted people, resources, an enormous land mass, and they rightfully play an important role on the world stage and in the region," Obama said during a news conference with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski. He added that it could be possible for Putin to "rebuild

some of the trust that's been shattered during this past year" but said that would take time. Western leaders, including Obama, have spoken with Putin by phone multiple times since Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine and stationed tens of thousands of troops on its border with the former Soviet republic.

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## AROUND LATIN AMERICA

### Jailed Venezuelan Lopez awaits ruling

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A Venezuelan court is holding a hearing to determine whether opposition hard-liner Leopoldo Lopez will be freed or must wait in jail while facing charges of inciting violence and arson during anti-government protests. The closed-door proceedings at the Caracas courthouse resumed Tuesday after a 10-hour session Monday. Lopez is a former mayor who spearheaded protests in February seeking to pressure President Nicolas Maduro into resigning. Three people died on the streets after tens of thousands of peaceful demonstrators returned home, and authorities filed charges against Lopez. Three months of political unrest triggered by the initial demonstrations have claimed the lives of 42 people on both sides.

### Mexico doubles prison for kidnapping

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico has doubled prison sentences for kidnapping after a surge in such crimes in recent years. The government published new sentencing guidelines Tuesday. The minimum prison term has risen from 20 years to 40, and maximum sentences from 50 to 140 years. The longest sentences would be given to those who kill their victims. Most Mexican states do not have life sentences, and prison terms are normally limited to 60 years for federal offenses. But kidnapping is exempt from those limits. There were 1,698 kidnappings reported to police in 2013, up from 438 in 2007. But government polls indicate that fewer than 2 percent of kidnappings are reported. If accurate, the real number of abductions could be near 100,000 a year.

### Peru searches high peaks for 2 Italians

HUARAZ, Peru (AP) — Mountain rescuers searched a glacier hugging one of Peru's highest peaks this week for two Italian climbers who disappeared three days earlier at its summit. Mateo Tagliabue, 27, and Enrico Broggi, 29, were last seen on or near the top of the 5,947-meter (19,625-foot) Alpamayo mountain in the Cordillera Blanca range, said Edson Ramirez, mountain rescue coordinator for Huastaran National Park. "The search is on the east side of the mountain. They came up on the west side and were apparently on the summit," Ramirez said. "Their two climbing partners were behind them" and did not see what happened to them, he said. Ramirez said a search team left for the peak early Sunday and have looking for the missing men on what is "an enormous glacier."

### 5 die in landslide caused by heavy rain

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Heavy rains have killed at least five people in Guatemala, where authorities on Tuesday urged residents to take precautions because showers and thunderstorms are expected to continue this week. National Office for Disaster Reduction director Alejandro Maldonado said a landslide set off by rain killed five members of a family over the weekend in the province of Huehuetenango. He said the family's neighbors and rescue crews saved the family's dog after the animal was partially buried for more than 18 hours. Several rivers have burst their banks and the drainage systems in at least four western provinces have collapsed. So far, authorities haven't reported any major flooding, Maldonado said.

## Security tight for Tiananmen anniversary

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**BEIJING (AP)** — Beijing put additional police on the streets and detained government critics Tuesday as part of a security crackdown on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the crushing of pro-democracy protests centered on the capital's Tiananmen Square.

Police manned checkpoints, and officers and paramilitary troops patrolled pedestrian overpasses and streets surrounding the square.

The increased security comes on top of heightened restrictions on political activists, artists, lawyers and other government critics. Dozens have been taken into detention, forced out of Beijing or confined to their homes in other parts of the country.

"June 4 has come again and the plainclothes officers are here to protect us. I can't leave the house to travel or lecture," Jiangsu province-based environmental activist Wu Lihong said in a text message.

Artist and former activist Guo Jian was also taken away by authorities on Sunday night, shortly after a profile of him appeared in the Financial Times newspaper in commemoration of the crackdown's anniversary. As he was being detained, Guo, an Australian citizen, told an Associated Press reporter he would be held until June 15.

A writer and officer of the Independent Chinese PEN Center, who writes under the name Ye Du, was also taken from his home in the southern city of Guangzhou to join a forced "tour trip," his wife, Wan Haitao, said by phone. Such compulsory trips are a common method of keeping government critics under 24-hour watch without the need to initiate legal proceedings.

In an apparent sign of government nervousness, connections to the global Internet appeared to have been disrupted, with Google's mail and other

services mostly inaccessible. China already routinely blocks popular overseas social media sites such as Twitter and YouTube and heavily censors Chinese sites for politically sensitive content.

China allows no public discussion of the events of June 3-4, 1989, when soldiers accompanied by

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei did not refer directly to Tiananmen Square or the military crackdown.

"Regarding the political incident which happened in the late 1980s in China, as well as issues related to it, the Chinese government reached a conclusion a long time ago," Hong said before launching into a de-



In this combination of photos, a file photo taken June 5, 1989, top, shows a lone Chinese man standing to block a line of tanks heading east on Beijing's Changan Blvd. near Tiananmen Square, and in a May 27, 2014 photo of the same spot, bottom, almost 25 years later, a convoy of cars drive across Beijing's Changan Blvd. near Tiananmen Square. A quarter century after the Communist Party's attack on demonstrations centered on Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, the ruling party prohibits public discussion and 1989 is banned from textbooks and Chinese websites.

(AP Photo/J. Widener, top, H. Franchineau, bottom)

tanks and armored personnel carriers fought their way into the heart of the city, killing hundreds of unarmed protesters and onlookers. The government has never issued a complete, formal accounting of the crackdown and the number of casualties.

Beijing's official verdict is that the student-led protests aimed to topple the ruling Communist Party and plunge China into chaos. Protest leaders said they were merely seeking greater democracy and freedom, along with an end to corruption and favoritism within the party. Asked about the crackdown at a regularly scheduled news conference,

fense of China's economic reforms that have created a burgeoning middle class amid relative political stability. Hong also denied cases of political persecution, saying: "In China, there are only law offenders. The so-called dissidents as you mentioned do not exist." Authorities regularly tighten security ahead of June 4, but this year's suppression is notably harsher than in the past. Activists who previously received no more than a warning have been taken into custody and police have told foreign journalists they would face unspecified serious consequences for covering sensitive issues ahead of the anniversary. □



# Obama boosting US Military effort in Europe

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But until this week, they've avoided face-to-face meetings with Putin to avoid giving the impression that the Russian leader can slide back into normal relationships with U.S. and European leaders that have accused him of stoking instability in Ukraine. Putin's meetings this week will be closely watched by Poland and other Central and Eastern European nations. Many countries in the regions have been pressing for broader NATO assistance to serve as a buffer in case Russia tries to advance beyond Ukraine. Obama's announcement Tuesday of a "European Reassurance Initiative," costing up to \$1 billion, was aimed at quelling some of that anxiety. It marks a significant departure from a two-decade trend toward a smaller U.S. military pres-



President Obama, left, and President Bronislaw Komorowski of Poland meet with American and Polish airmen in a hangar at Warsaw Chopin Airport, Poland, June 3, 2014. Obama announced more steps on Tuesday to bolster security in central and eastern Europe for the start of a four-day European trip aimed at locking arms with allies following Russia's intervention in Ukraine.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

ence in Europe amid a shift by the Obama administration to a more visible and active naval and air power presence in the Asia-Pacif-

ic region. Just three years ago the Pentagon downgraded the top U.S. Army Europe commander from a four-star to a three-star

general.

If the U.S. Congress approves the funding, the Pentagon would ramp up its air and ground force ro-

tations in Europe, as well as boost military exercises and position more equipment on the continent.

The plan also calls for increasing the U.S. Navy participation in NATO deployments in the Black and Baltic Seas and helping non-NATO nations such as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine bolster their own defenses. But key details of the effort were unclear, including how big the U.S. troop increase on the continent might be.

Obama said the fund would be "a powerful demonstration of America's unshakeable commitment to our NATO allies."

Komorowski, appearing with the American president, announced that Poland intended to increase its own defense budget to 2 percent of its gross domestic product, and he urged other NATO nations to do the same. □

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# Reid, McConnell offer conflicting views on campaign spending

ASHLEY PARKER

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**WASHINGTON** - Offering drastically different opinions about the role of money in politics, the Senate leaders Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell on Tuesday made a rare joint appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. With historic amounts of money from independent expenditures and super PACs flowing into the 2014 election contests, the committee is considering a Democratic amendment that would give Congress and the states the ability to regulate political spending by outside groups.

McConnell, the Republican minority leader from Kentucky, accused his Democratic colleagues of trying

to curtail free speech, and of engaging in a "political exercise" intended to "stir up one party's political base so they'll show up in November."

"But," McConnell added, "the political nature of this exercise should not obscure how shockingly bad this proposal is."

Reid, the Democratic Senate majority leader from Nevada, deplored the "flood of dark money" into the political process, accusing Republicans of siding against the American people in favor of what he called the status quo.

"Free speech shouldn't cost the American people a penny, a dime, certainly not a dollar," Reid said.

McConnell and Reid typically snipe at each other



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) speaks at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on campaign finance reform, on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 3, 2014. The rare joint appearance alongside his rival, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) came as the committee

was considering amendments to current campaign finance law.

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on the Senate floor or in dueling news conferences in the ornate corridor just outside the Senate chamber. Their testimony Tuesday was the first time in more than a decade that the Senate majority and minority leaders have appeared before the committee to discuss a policy matter. (In 2001, according to committee staff members, the Democratic and Republican leaders came before the committee to discuss a judicial nominee.)

But those who were expecting fireworks - and the long line of congressional aides and members of the public waiting to grab a seat in the gallery underscored such expectations - were disappointed. "I want to make sure that my leaving doesn't take away at all from my friendship with Mitch McConnell," Reid said, to laughter. "You know, we've heard each other talk and criticize each other for years, so he won't be upset that I'm leaving."

Neither senator stayed to answer questions from their colleagues.

The Democratic amendment, by Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., is in response to the money that has rushed into

campaigns after two major Supreme Court rulings on campaign finance: the 2010 Citizens United decision that struck down limits on spending by corporations and unions, and the McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission decision earlier this year that struck down overall limits on campaign contributions.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., said the recent Supreme Court decisions "threaten the constitutional rights of hard-working Americans who wanted their voices heard, not drowned in a series of corporate special interests and a flood of campaign ads on television."

As McConnell pointed out, the measure is almost certain to fail. But Reid and Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York, the No. 3 Senate Democrat, have promised a vote on the amendment this summer. Congressional Democrats, led by Reid, have made the outsize role of money in politics, including the contributions from the conservative billionaire brothers Charles G. and David H. Koch, a rallying cry in the midterm races this fall. □



# Attorney: US girl charged in stabbing mentally ill



The site in Waukesha, Wis., where a bicyclist found a 12-year-old girl who had 19 stab wounds is seen on Tuesday June 3, 2014. Two 12-year-old girls are accused of stabbing the girl in the woods to please a character called Slenderman they learned about on the horror website creepypasta.wikia.com. (AP Photo/Carrie Antliffinger)

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Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 12-year-old girl accused of plotting to kill a friend to curry favor with a fictional Internet character shows signs of mental illness and should be in a hospital, her defense attorney said Tuesday. The girl and another 12-year-old have been charged as adults with first-degree attempted homicide in a stabbing that nearly killed another child the same age. The two girls told investigators they plotted for months to kill their friend because a character called Slenderman required them to kill someone before they could become his "proxy."

Anthony Cotton, an attorney for one of the girls charged in the stabbing, said her parents called him while she was being questioned at the police station because officers had rejected their request to see her. Police read the girl her rights but were not required to have a parent or lawyer present if she didn't ask for them, he said.

Cotton said he would push to get the girl's case transferred to juvenile court, where more social services and mental health treatment would be available. "She's 12 and she has mental health issues," Cotton

said. "There's no question that she needs to go to the hospital."

The girls are being held at a juvenile detention center after a judge set bail at \$500,000. Cotton said his client's family can't pay that, and a judge already rejected his first motion to move the girl to a hospital. He said he'll seek a mental health evaluation as a first step toward a second request. The girls told investigators they read about Slenderman on the horror website creepypasta.wikia.com. It's not clear whether they got access to the website at home or at school, but a school administrator said employees were reviewing various websites to see if they should be blocked after the stabbing.

According to court documents, the girls told investigators they invited their friend to a sleepover at one of their houses on Friday and planned to duct tape her mouth while she was sleeping, stab her in the neck, put the covers over her to make it look like she was sleeping and run away to Slenderman's mansion. They backed out of that plan, deciding to kill her on Saturday in a nearby park bathroom so blood would go down the drain. They convinced the girl to go to the park with them and

got her into the bathroom. One of the girls handed the knife to the other but she couldn't bring herself to stab the victim, she said. She gave the knife back to the other girl but she couldn't go through with it either, the complaint said. They went into the woods, where one girl pushed the victim down and sat on her. The girls then traded the knife back and forth between them before one of them finally tackled the victim again and began stabbing her, according to the complaint. The girls left the victim lying in the woods. She crawled to a road where a bicyclist found her lying on the sidewalk. Police arrived and she gave them the name of one of the girls who attacked her. □

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In this photo, a 2015 Chrysler 200 automobile moves down the assembly line at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich. Automakers reported big gains in sales for May on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

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**In May:**

## US auto sales hit 9-year high

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Brisk demand for SUVs and pickup trucks — and five sunny weekends — pushed U.S. auto sales to a nine-year high in May.

Chrysler, Nissan and Toyota all reported double-digit sales gains over last May. Even General Motors, battling bad publicity from a mishandled recall, surprised with a 13 percent sales increase.

Ford's sales rose a better-than-expected 3 percent, while Hyundai's were up 4 percent. Of major automakers, only Volkswagen's sales fell.

May is traditionally a strong month for the auto industry, as buyers spend their tax returns and think ahead to summer road trips. This year's calendar, with five weekends, gave it an extra boost. Sales were particularly strong the last week-

end of the month, automakers said.

Sales rose 11 percent to just over 1.6 million in May. That was the highest monthly total since July 2005, according to Kelley Blue Book.

The surge helped erase doubts about the strength of the industry. January and February sales were weaker than expected as consumers spent more time shoveling snow than shopping. "It's the continued recovery in the summer selling season," said Jeff Schuster, executive vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive, an industry consulting firm. "Kind of everything aligning in the month of May."

June should bring more of the same, said Karl Brauer, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book. May sales were driven by pent-up demand from the winter, he said, but the summer months will likely be strong because of other factors, including low

interest rates, good lease deals and enticing new vehicles.

Automakers didn't need big discounts to boost sales. Car buying site TrueCar.com estimated incentives were flat from last May and up 4 percent from April to \$2,677 per vehicle. TrueCar said Hyundai, Kia and Honda had the biggest increases in incentives in May. Chrysler, GM and Nissan offered fewer deals.

GM said May was its best month since August 2008. Sales of its GMC Yukon and Buick Encore SUVs more than doubled, and buyers snapped up the new Chevrolet Corvette. GMC Sierra pickup sales gained 14 percent.

Brauer said buyers haven't been deterred by GM's multiple recalls — 13.8 million vehicles so far this year — and questions about how long the company took to report safety problems in older cars. □

## Massachusetts sues Fannie, Freddie over foreclosure law

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Martha Coakley, the attorney general of Massachusetts, filed suit Monday against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in an effort to force the federally owned mortgage finance giants to comply with a state anti-foreclosure law passed in 2012.

The law seeks to ease the way for buyback programs, which are aimed at reducing the debt of the homeowner while saving the lender the cost of foreclosure and eviction. Fannie and Freddie have refused to allow homes with mortgages they back to enter buyback programs, the suit contends, even though it costs them money not to.

"For too long, Fannie and Freddie have been roadblocks to progress in addressing this foreclosure crisis, and I urge them to immediately reverse their policy on this common-sense program," Coakley said in a statement. The lawsuit is one of numerous aggressive efforts by Coakley, a Democratic candidate for governor, to police banks' treatment of homeowners and their securitization of mortgages. She has won settlements from Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, RBS and several subprime lenders.

The lawsuit comes on the heels of a case by a homeowner, Ramon Suero, who bought an apartment for about \$300,000 in 2005 that is now worth a third of that price. He fell behind on his mortgage payments, and the home went into foreclosure.

Boston Community Capital, a nonprofit that runs a buyback program called SUN (Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods), offered to buy it from the lender for what Freddie Mac said was the fair market price, \$115,000. SUN intended to turn around and sell the house back to Suero, giving him a mortgage he could afford.

But Freddie Mac refused to allow the sale, instead asking SUN for a "make whole" price of the full \$300,000. Without the buyback allowing Suero to stay in his home, Freddie Mac would normally incur the expense of evicting Suero, maintaining the vacant home and selling it as a distressed property.

A federal court issued a preliminary injunction against the foreclosure and sale of the home. The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees Fannie and Freddie, declined to comment on pending litigation. Coakley's office had written a previous letter to Mel Watt, who became the agency's director in January. Watt succeeded the acting director, Edward J. DeMarco, who would not allow Fannie and Freddie to go along with such debt-reduction programs even though the agency's own analysis showed it would save money for taxpayers.

DeMarco had argued that the agency's other loan modification programs were just as good, and said he feared that it would cause homeowners to strategically default on their payments. □



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## Seattle is hiking minimum wage; others to follow?

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Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Seattle activists celebrated a successful campaign to gradually increase the city's minimum wage to \$15 by calling for a national movement to close the income and opportunity gaps between rich and poor.

The Seattle City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Monday that would give the city the highest minimum wage in the nation.

Socialist City Council Member Kshama Sawant said the push for a higher minimum wage is spreading across the nation.

The minimum wage issue has dominated politics in the liberal municipality for months, and a boisterous crowd of mostly labor activists packed the council chambers for the vote.

Mayor Ed Murray, who was elected last year, had promised in his campaign to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, as Socialist City Council Member Kshama Sawant did in her campaign last year.

"We did it. Workers did this," Sawant said. "We need to continue to build an even more powerful movement."

The International Franchise Association, a Washington, D.C.-based business group that represents franchise owners, said it plans to sue to stop the ordinance, calling it "unfair, discriminatory and a deliberate attempt to achieve a political agenda at the expense of small-franchise business owners."

Effective April 1, 2015, the measure includes a phase-in of the wage increase over several years, with a slower process for small businesses. □

## US Financial Front:

# American factory orders up again in April

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Orders to U.S. factories rose for a third consecutive month in April, adding to evidence that manufacturing is regaining momentum after a harsh winter.

Orders increased 0.7

that drop came after a 4.7 percent surge in March.

The three solid monthly gains in factory orders should provide support to the overall economy, which is expected to stage a robust rebound in the April-June quarter.

The economy, as mea-

providing households with more income.

The report on factory orders showed that demand for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, increased 0.6 percent in April. Orders for nondurable goods such as paper and chemicals

and auto parts slipped 0.2 percent.

Demand for machinery fell 2.8 percent, with orders for construction equipment down 7.2 percent. Orders for computers dropped 13.2 percent, while demand for electrical appliances and other electrical products rose 1.3 percent.

Economists expect factory activity will strengthen in coming months, helped by rising consumer demand and a rebound in U.S. export sales.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Monday that its manufacturing index showed a rise in May to a solid reading of 55.4. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion in the manufacturing sector.

The data suggested that manufacturing is expanding at a healthy pace and should help the economy recover from its weak start at the beginning of the year.

In other encouraging news, a separate report this week showed that the contraction in China's manufacturing sector eased in May. It was the latest sign that the slowdown in the world's second biggest economy is stabilizing.

China's economy has slowed from double digit rates of expansion, with growth falling to 7.4 percent in the first quarter as leaders try to reduce dependence on trade and investment in favor of domestic consumption. The slowdown had raised concerns about export growth in other nations including the United States. □



**Fender Stratocaster bodies are cleaned out after being cut down by Manuel Espinoza at the Fender factory in Corona, Calif. The Commerce Department reported positive data on U.S. factory orders in April on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Matt York)

percent in April, pushed higher by a surge in demand for military hardware, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. That followed a 1.5 percent increase in March and a 1.7 percent climb in February. The improvements followed two big declines in January and December, which partly reflected a harsh winter. A key category viewed as a proxy for business investment plans fell by 1.2 percent in April, though

sured by the gross domestic product, shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in the January-March quarter, reflecting winter storms that disrupted business activity. But in the current quarter, analysts estimate GDP will advance at an annual rate as high as 3.8 percent.

Economists say that growth will remain strong in the second half of this year as consumers spending benefits from rising employment, which is

rose 0.7 percent in April after a drop of 0.5 percent in March.

The overall increase reflected a sharp rise in demand for defense products including airplanes and communications equipment. Excluding defense, orders fell 0.1 percent in April. Transportation orders grew 1.4 percent despite the fact that orders for commercial aircraft, a volatile category, dropped 7.9 percent and demand for autos





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## Online pirates thrive on legitimate advertising dollars

**RYAN NAKASHIMA**  
**AP Business Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Movie and music piracy thrives online in part because crafty website operators receive advertising dollars from major companies like Comcast, Ford and McDonald's.

That's the conclusion of several recent reports that shed light on Internet piracy's funding sources.

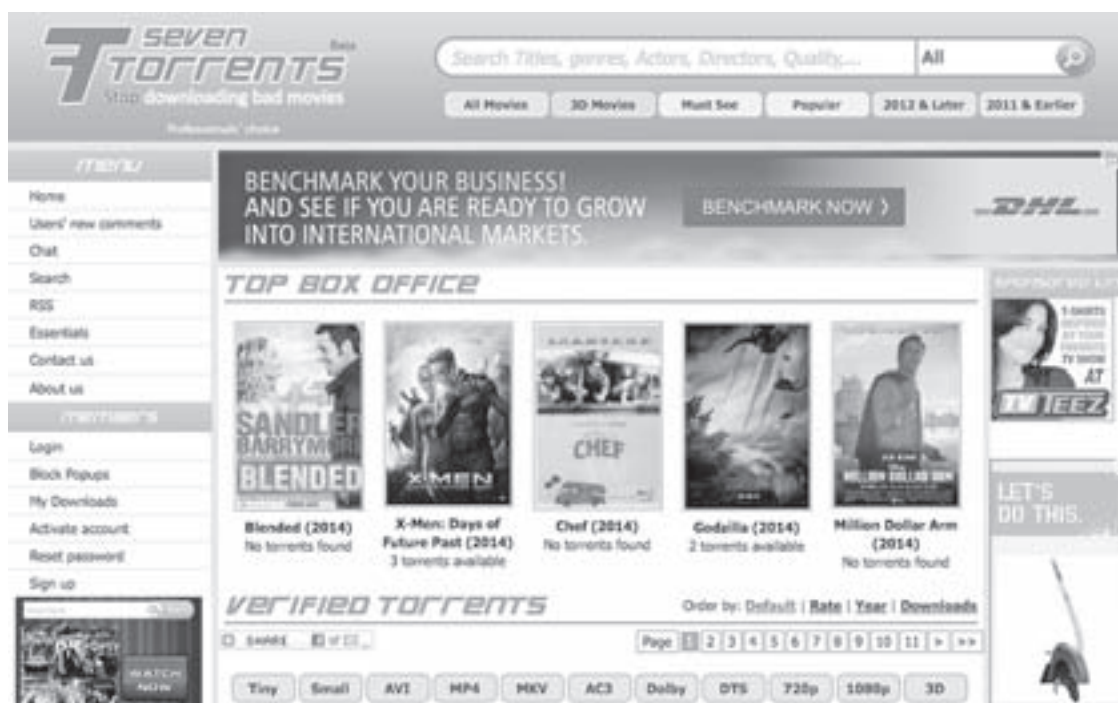
Content thieves attract visitors with the promise of free downloads and streams of the latest hit movies, TV shows and songs. Then they profit by pulling in advertising from around the Internet, often concealing their illicit activities so advertising brands remain unaware.

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The illicit activity is estimated to generate millions of dollars annually. That's only a small portion of the roughly \$40 billion of online ad spending every year. Yet it is helping to feed the creation of millions of copyright-infringing websites that provide stolen content to a growing global audience.

"(Companies) placed their ads on the assump-



This screen shot shows the home page for the website [seventorrents.org](http://seventorrents.org), featuring a banner ad for shipping company DHL. Movie and music piracy thrives online in part because crafty website operators are siphoning advertising dollars from major companies. That's the conclusion of several recent reports that shed light on Internet piracy's funding sources.

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tion that they were going to be on high-quality sites and they're not," said Mark Berns, vice president of MediaLink LLC, a consulting firm that produced a study looking into the practice called "Good Money Gone Bad."

The study, commissioned for the Digital Citizen's Alliance, a Washington-based group that advocates for a safer Internet, sampled 596 of the worst-offending websites. Researchers discovered that the infringing websites were displaying ads from 89 premium brands like Walmart, McDonald's, Google, Microsoft and Ford.

"It's certainly fair to say that millions of dollars in revenue from premium brand ads are supporting content theft sites," Berns said.

The AP received an anonymous communication from an email address listed as belonging to the registrant of piracy website SevenTorrents.org. The respondent

said that while some advertisers prevent their ads from going on the site, others don't.

"Famous advertising companies like RightMedia blocked this site, I just let other advertisers which do not use those services (place) ads," the respondent wrote. "They are paying." The person did not provide their name or location. According to a search on Whois.net, the site is registered to "Mike" in the Adygea republic of Russia. The respondent also directed The AP to look at the "About Us" section of the website.

The section reads: "We make it easy for those users who are looking for pirated movies to find what they are looking for." At the same time, the site disavows wrongdoing. "I do not encourage or support people who rip or upload these stuff."

The site displayed ads from companies including Citrix

Systems Inc., the food delivery service Seamless, shipping company DHL and Mormon.org.

Advertising industry groups are fighting the problem, with limited success.

The Interactive Advertising Bureau's chief operating officer, Patrick Dolan, said in an e-mail interview that despite efforts at certifying ad networks that follow strict guidelines, it's an insurmountable task to track the trillions of ads and millions of websites.

"New sites are created every day, names change, URLs change," he said. "It's impossible to always stop the ads appearing in real time."

John Montgomery, chief operating officer of major ad-buying agency GroupM Interaction, said that by blacklisting some 4,000 pirate websites, his digital ad agencies withheld some \$8 million from pirate websites operators in 2012 and \$13 million in 2013. □





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## Report: Ten generals found guilty of arming Boko Haram

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
**Associated Press**

**KADUNA, Nigeria (AP)** — Ten generals and five other senior military officers were found guilty in courts-martial of providing arms and information to Boko Haram extremists, a leading Nigerian newspaper reported Tuesday.

The news follows months of allegations from politicians and soldiers who have told The Associated Press that some senior officers were helping the Islamic extremists and that some rank-and-file soldiers even fight alongside the insurgents and then return to army camps.

They have said that information provided by army officers has helped insurgents in ambushing military convoys and in attacks on army barracks and outposts in their northeastern stronghold.

Leadership newspaper quoted one officer saying that four other officers, in addition to the 15, were found guilty of "being disloyal and for working for the members of the sect."

Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Chris Olukolade did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Tuesday. Last week, he denied that senior military officers were being investigated for helping Boko Haram and sabotaging a year-old offensive to curb the 5-year-old uprising that has killed thousands.

Boko Haram has attracted international condemnation and U.N. sanctions since its April 15 abduction of more than 300 schoolgirls, of whom 272 remain captive.

Nigerian activists pressing the government to rescue the schoolgirls filed a com-

plaint Tuesday against a police ban on protests.

"We filed a complaint that the police don't have any right to stop people from expressing themselves," said community leader Pogu Bitrus of Chibok, the town from which the girls were abducted.

The protests have "degenerated" and are "now posing a serious security threat," Abuja police commissioner Joseph Mbu said in a statement Monday banning all protests in the capital related to the topic. The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project, SERAP, said such a ban violates basic rights under the Nigerian constitution.

However, Nigerian police on Tuesday said they had not ordered a ban on peaceful assemblies or protests in Nigeria.

"The Police only issued advisory notice, enjoining citizens to apply caution in the said rallies," the statement said. "Citizens are strongly advised to reconsider their positions on the issues of rallies and protests" given the current threats by militants.

The kidnapping crisis has highlighted Nigeria's failure to curb Boko Haram's uprising.

Leadership newspaper on Tuesday quoted military officers saying the 15 found guilty of providing arms to Boko Haram are among many more being tried at divisional level. The verdicts are being referred to defense headquarters in Abuja, the capital, where the fate of the officers will be decided, the newspaper said. The officers it quoted spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to give information to reporters. □



Syrian President Bashar Assad, left, casts his vote as Syrian first lady Asma Assad, right, stands next to him at a polling station, in Damascus, Syria, Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

(AP Photo/SANA)

## As civil war rages, Syrians cast their votes for president

**DIAA HADID**  
**ALBERT AJI**  
**Associated Press**

**DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)** — Against a backdrop of civil war, tens of thousands of Syrians voted in government-controlled cities and towns Tuesday to give President Bashar Assad a new seven-year mandate, with some even marking the ballots with their own blood.

The carefully choreographed election was ignored and even mocked in opposition-held areas of Syria where fighting persisted, with some rebels derisively dropping their shoes in a phony ballot box in a show of disgust. Western leaders also called it a sham.

A victory for Assad is likely to bolster his base of support at home and provide further evidence that he has no intention of relinquishing power, making a protracted conflict the likely outcome in fighting that has already lasted three years.

Fears that the rebels would

rain down mortar shells on government-controlled territory did not materialize, but fighting persisted.

State-run media reported that voting closed on midnight Tuesday, and election officials began the process of checking the number of votes against lists of registered voters to ensure numbers matched. In one central Damascus voting booth, 2,196 people cast their ballots — all but two were for Assad, counted an AP reporter who watched representatives of each presidential candidate tally votes.

The announcement was accompanied by wild beeping and cheering on central Damascus by Assad supporters. It was not immediately clear when election results would be announced.

Earlier in Damascus, the dull sounds of explosions reverberated in the distance as government forces and rebels battled in nearby rural towns and plumes of gray smoke marked the skyline. Several mortar

rounds reportedly hit in the capital, including one that fell near the Opera House on a major plaza.

At least three fighter jets roared low over the city, which residents said was unusual. Government warplanes and helicopters pounded the rebellious Damascus suburb of Daraya, the southern city of Daraa and the nearby town of Nawa, as well as opposition-held districts of the divided northern city of Aleppo.

Voting took place only in government-controlled areas, excluding much of northern and eastern Syria. Tens of thousands of Syrians abroad voted last week, although many of the more than 2.7 million Syrian refugees across the region either abstained or were excluded by law.

There were ostentatious shows of support for the 48-year-old Assad, who has ruled Syria since 2000, when he took over after the death of his father, Hafez. There was a carnival-like atmosphere □





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# Fresh fighting reported across Eastern Ukraine

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**LUHANSK, Ukraine**

Ukraine's minister of internal affairs said Tuesday that the central government's security forces had begun a new phase of the campaign against separatist fighters in the city of Sloviansk, destroying rebel checkpoints and equipment and engaging in fire-fights.

The minister, Arsen Avakov, said in a Facebook posting that there had been "very intensive shooting," in the area of Semyonovka, near Sloviansk. He said rebels had fired at military vehicles using rocket launchers, but that the vehicles and personnel inside had survived and had managed to eliminate the checkpoints.

"They made it," he said of the armed personnel carriers. "Good job constructors."

Avakov added that security forces in and around Sloviansk warned residents to remain in their homes. The Interfax news agency quoted Vyacheslav Ponomarev, the leader of insurgents in Sloviansk, as saying that his men downed a Ukrainian jet and a helicopter gunship, The Associated Press reported. There was no independent confirmation of the claim.

In Luhansk, separatists began a siege Tuesday of

the central command for the border guards in the Luhansk region, whose sprawling border with Russia presents one of the most vexing problems for Kiev's new government.

shooting had largely subsided. He said the border guards trapped inside "had high spirits," and had even managed to raise a flag. But he also said there was little that the central border

"We are trying to morally support our people, to tell them that no one has forgotten them," Slobodyan said.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military, Vladislav

were wounded and one was killed in an attack on their military convoy as it made its way to the fighting from the main military base at Izyum, a town farther north. He said the fighting is concentrated around the cities of Kramatorsk, Semyonovka and Sloviansk. The leader of the pro-Russian Luhansk People's Republic, Valery Bolotov, said he had given the border guards until evening to surrender, and if they did not, "we will wipe them off the face of the earth."

A border guard inside the complex, reached by telephone, who gave his name only as Nikolai, said many of the approximately 150 guards inside wanted to go back to their families, but so far their commander was not allowing them to surrender.

"I feel sorry for them," said Lyudmila Ivanovna, a worker from a veterans union who was trying to negotiate their release. "We're trying to talk to the commander but he's not agreeing to speak."

On Tuesday afternoon, the weedy area around the mustard-colored complex was windy and deserted, with chunks of plaster missing and bullet holes riddling the walls. Passers-by were touching bullet holes in the wall of one of the apartment buildings.

In Luhansk, new information on the mysterious explosion at the regional administration building Monday that killed eight people, pointed to fire from an aircraft as the culprit. Bolotov, the pro-Russian leader, said an analysis of the pieces of shrapnel and rocket casings showed they were from an S-8 rocket that is typically shot from an SU-25 fighter jet.



**A pro-Russian fighter stands outside a government building that separatists have used as a base for weeks, in Luhansk, Ukraine, June 3, 2014. Both sides disputed the cause of a blast here yesterday that reportedly killed five -- part of ongoing fighting in Luhansk that included a coordinated siege on a border guard headquarters loyal to Kiev which continued into Tuesday.**

(Sergey Ponomarev/The New York Times)

The building had been the scene of a big battle Monday.

A spokesman for the border guard service, Oleg Slobodyan, said the complex was surrounded by separatist fighters, including Cossacks, but that the

service could do to help them without support from the Ukrainian military, which had so far not come to their rescue. Ukrainian forces are already spread thin, having been engaged in an operation in the neighboring region of Donetsk.

Seleznyov, said that Ukrainian forces had killed or wounded around 300 rebels in fierce fighting in and around Sloviansk on Tuesday, but there was no independent confirmation of that count.

He said 13 Ukrainian soldiers

## Big blaze at Shell chemical plant in Netherlands

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)**

— A major fire broke out late Tuesday at a chemical plant operated by oil giant Royal Dutch Shell near the port city of Rotterdam, Dutch emergency services said. The Security Region Central and Western Brabant said

in a tweet that nobody was missing in the fire in the town of Moerdijk.

Shell spokesman Thijs van Velzen later said that two people suffered minor injuries.

"All the people that were present are safe," he added.

Van Velzen said he did not know the cause of the fire. Local media reported that people across a wide area reported hearing blasts and could see flames soaring into the night sky. Fire fighters were using foam to fight the flames. The security region tweeted

that the flames were dying down and smoke was rising straight up, but advised people near the plume to close their doors and windows.

The blaze was close to the scene of another major fire three years ago at a chemical storage facility.



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## Irish church faces neglect over children's mass grave

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

**DUBLIN (AP)** — The Catholic Church in Ireland is facing fresh accusations of child neglect after a researcher found records for 796 young children believed to be buried in a mass grave beside a former orphanage for the children of unwed mothers.

The researcher, Catherine Corless, says her discovery of child death records at the Catholic nun-run home in Tuam, County Galway, suggests that a former septic tank filled with bones is the final resting place for most, if not all, of the children.

Church leaders in Galway, western Ireland, said they had no idea so many children who died at the orphanage had been buried there, and said they would support local efforts to mark the spot with a plaque listing all 796 children.

County Galway death records showed that the children, mostly babies and toddlers, died often of sickness or disease in the orphanage during the 35 years it operated from 1926 to 1961. The building, which had previously been a workhouse for homeless adults, was torn down decades ago to make way for new houses. A 1944 government inspection recorded evidence of malnutrition among some of the 271 children then living in the Tuam orphanage alongside 61 unwed mothers. The death records cite sicknesses, diseases, deformities and premature births as causes. This would reflect an Ireland that, in the first half of the 20th century, had one of the worst infant mortality rates in Europe, with tuberculosis rife.

Elderly locals recalled that the children attended a local school — but were segregated from other pupils — until they were adopted or placed, around age 7 or 8, into church-run industrial schools that featured unpaid labor and abuse. In keeping with Catholic teaching, such out-of-wedlock children were denied baptism and, if they died at such facilities, Christian burial.

It is well documented that throughout Ireland in the first half of the 20th century, church-run orphanages and workhouses often buried their dead in unmarked graves and unconsecrated ground, reflecting how unmarried mothers — derided as “fallen women” in the culture of the day — typically were ostracized by society, even their own families.

Records indicate that the former Tuam workhouse's septic tank was converted specifically to serve as the body disposal site for the orphanage.

Tuam locals discovered the bone repository in 1975 as cement covering the buried tank was broken away. Before Corless' research this year, they believed the remains were mostly victims of the mid-19th century famine that decimated the population of western Ireland. □

## El-Sissi to Egyptians: 'Time to work'

MAGGIE MICHAEL

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt's president-elect, the former army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, told Egyptians it is now “time to work” to rebuild the economy after he was officially declared the landslide winner of last week's election, restoring a ca-

ni Mubarak after 29 years in power. The following year, Islamist Mohammed Morsi became the country's first democratically elected president, only to face massive protests by millions against him and his Muslim Brotherhood. El-Sissi, then the army chief, ousted Morsi last summer and led a heavy

the sole exception, not counting two interim presidents.

“I am happy the army is back to power, and that he got rid of the Muslim Brotherhood,” cheered one of his female supporters, Iman Adly, whose face was painted with the Egyptian flag, amid the celebration in Cairo's



Supporters of Egypt's former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi react to the official announcement declaring him the next president of Egypt with 96.9 percent of the vote, and a turnout of 47.45 percent, at the Election Commission headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday, June 3, 2014. (AP Photo/Ahmed Gamil)

reer military man to the country's top office. Thousands celebrated in public squares around the country with cheers, fireworks and pro-military songs after the Election Commission officially announced el-Sissi's victory with nearly 97 percent of the vote in an election that it said saw a turnout of just over 47 percent.

El-Sissi brings Egypt into a new phase in its tumultuous drama since the 2011 pro-democracy uprising that ousted autocrat Hos-

crackdown on the Brotherhood and other Islamists that killed hundreds and jailed thousands more. The now retired field marshal was elevated to heroic status among his supporters, who hailed his removal of Islamists and saw him as the hope for restoring stability after three years of turmoil.

El-Sissi now restores a chain of five Egyptian presidents of military background since the 1952 coup against the monarchy — with Morsi

Tahrir Square.

But to critics — including many activists who led the 2011 revolt, known as the Jan. 25 Revolution — el-Sissi brings fears of a return to Mubarak's autocratic state. Already, there have been sharp limits put on the right to protest, secular dissenters have been arrested, reports of police abuses have risen, and the president-elect himself has said many rights must take a backseat to restoring stability. □



# Cuban president Raul Castro quietly turns 83

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**Associated Press**

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuban President Raul Castro was marking his 83rd birthday privately Tuesday, a milestone that passed without fanfare but served as a reminder that his revolutionary generation's time in power is limited. There was no mention of the birthday in official media. Castro has not made a big production of it in the

past, and several Cubans consulted by the AP were unaware it was today. "I didn't know it was his birthday," said Felipe Rueda, 36.

"Raul never talks about that or throws celebrations, and I think that's good because it's something for the family, not the state."

Castro, who has been in power since 2006 when his older brother Fidel was

stricken with a life-threatening illness, has said he intends to remain in office no longer than the end of his current term in 2018. Last year he tapped Miguel Diaz-Canel to be his heir-apparent. He became the first next-generation leader to occupy Cuba's first vice presidency.

Fidel Castro is 87 and rarely appears in public. But in a sign of how he continues to cast a long shadow

from retirement, the front pages of Tuesday's official newspapers carried a brief message from him about the recent funeral of a prominent volleyball coach — the first new writing from Fidel Castro to appear in several months.

"Some people noted the absence of any wreath from us to accompany his coffin," the note said. "I, who always admired him

greatly, did not know of his death until several hours later."

For years after leaving office, Castro wrote semi-regular opinion pieces that were published across state media and read aloud in their entirety by TV news anchors.

He said in 2012 that he would stop publishing the columns, though pieces still appear occasionally.

# Cuba agent: US-Taliban prisoner swap a precedent

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**Associated Press**

**HAVANA (AP)** — The exchange of five Taliban detainees at Guantanamo for a U.S. Army soldier held captive in Afghanistan could set a precedent for a similar swap with Cuba, a Cuban intelligence agent who spent years imprisoned in the United States said this week.

Fernando Gonzalez, who returned to the island in February after serving more than 15 years behind bars in the United States, said the deal to secure the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has a clear parallel to the cases of Alan Gross, a civilian U.S. government subcontractor, and three Cuban agents still imprisoned in the United States. "It is obvious that the only thing needed is the will on the part of the U.S. government to bring about that swap or exchange," Gonzalez said in his first news conference back in Ha-

vana. "This latest development makes that clear."

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Washington remains committed to winning release for any American citizens held overseas, but suggested that Gross' case is not comparable to that of a uniformed soldier captured in a war zone. U.S. officials have publicly been cool to the idea of a swap involving the Cuban agents for Gross.

"Nothing has changed in that case now," Psaki said. Gross was arrested in Cuba in 2009 while working to set up hard-to-detect Internet networks for the island's tiny Jewish community as part of a U.S. government development contract. He says his actions posed no threat to the Cuban state. But Havana considers such programs to be an affront to its sovereignty, and he was sentenced to 15 years. Havana has said repeatedly it wants to sit down

with Washington to negotiate the fate of Gross and the three members of the so-called Cuban Five who remain imprisoned in the

they were only keeping tabs on militant exile groups blamed for terror attacks on the island.

"On this side there is nothing

this situation to be resolved and for humanitarian concerns to be taken into account on both sides."

Gross, a 65-year-old Maryland native, suffers from various health problems. His U.S. lawyer said in April that he is determined to go home within the next year, either alive or dead. Rene Gonzalez, who is not related to Fernando Gonzalez, was the first of the Cuban agents to walk free and returned to Cuba in 2013. Antonio Guerrero is the next one scheduled to be released, in 2017. The cases of Gross and the Cuban Five have been a major sticking point for Cold War foes Havana and Washington, which have not had formal relations for more than five decades. Bergdahl was released over the weekend after five years in Taliban captivity, stirring debate in Washington over whether the exchange could put other Americans at greater risk of being taken as bargaining chips.



**Cuban intelligence agent Fernando Gonzalez, known as one of the "Cuban Five," poses for a picture in front of a poster showing the three Cuban intelligence agents imprisoned in the U.S., at the end of a press conference in Havana, Cuba, Monday, June 2, 2014.**

**(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)**

United States. The agents were arrested in 1998 and convicted on charges including espionage, although Cuba argues that

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# Haitians left on island off Puerto Rico

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico**

**(AP)** — Three groups of migrants from Haiti and Cuba have been abandoned by smugglers in recent days on two barren islands off Puerto Rico, officials said this week.

The migrants, 42 Haitians and five Cubans, were left on rugged Mona and Montita islands by smugglers transporting them from the Dominican Republic, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Jeffrey Quinones said.

In one of the incidents, on May 22, a group of 20 Haitians, including one child, were found clinging to a rock off Mona Island after the smugglers forced them to jump into the water.

The two uninhabited islands are in the Mona Passage that separates the Dominican Republic and the U.S. island territory of Puerto Rico.

The migrants were taken into Border Patrol custody. Haitians are generally re-

patriated while Cubans who reach land in U.S. territory can stay in the country. Separately, the Royal Bahamas Defense Force reported it had detained 76 Haitian migrants Friday night in an overloaded vessel passing through the Exuma chain. The migrants were in good health and were taken to Nassau, where they were to be processed before being sent back to their country, the military said in a statement released Monday.





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key population should not grow out of bounds. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and

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**PALM BEACH** - Recently the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation board members provided household goods as donation to help out Biba Bou Guia, a non-profit foundation aimed at guiding people with mental limitations to live more independently in the com-

munity. Currently, the foundation has 20 clients who are all receiving professional guidance from specialists. The donation consisted of essential commodities that the foundation needed to improve the living spaces of its clients. The Marriott

Aruba Care Foundation was happy to fulfill this need by supplying Biba Bou Guia with washing machines, closets, stoves, cookware, water heaters, rice cookers, fans, bed, mattress and bed linens. The organization was pleasantly surprised with the donation.





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About the Marriott Care Foundation: Founded in 1999 by the associates of the Aruba Marriott, they have been actively contributing to the Aruba com-

munity for the past fourteen years. It embodies a living and breathing sentiment and “Spirit to Serve” within the associates who fund the Foundation through direct personal financial contributions. Currently over 550 associates contribute monthly to the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation. □





# Holy Communion at Amazonia, delight kids and adults



**PALM BEACH** - Ademir Paesch, 9, celebrated his Holy Communion with his mom Mirella and dad Dolfy, sister Leandra, aunts, uncles and grandmothers at Amazonia receiving his guests with a firm handshake and a smile, at the party following his first mass

experience at the Santa Anna church. Dayne Fernandes-Pedra, 8, celebrated his Holy Communion with mom Lorena Maldonado and dad Jose Fernandes Pedra, surrounded by his entire extended family as he hosted a dinner affair following his first

mass experience at the Santa Anna church.

It's Holy Communion season on the island and Amazonia is a wonderful party venue for family celebrations marking the beginning of their youngsters' religious life. □



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### Marino says he's withdrawing from concussion suit

**MIAMI (AP)** — Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino says he inadvertently became a plaintiff in a concussion lawsuit against the NFL and is withdrawing immediately. Marino said he doesn't suffer any effects from head injuries.

"Within the last year I authorized a claim to be filed on my behalf, just in case I needed future medical coverage to protect me and my family in the event I later suffered from the effects of head trauma," Marino said in a statement Tuesday. "I did not realize I would be automatically listed as a plaintiff. ... I have made the decision it is not necessary for me to be part of any claims or this lawsuit, and therefore I am withdrawing as a plaintiff." Marino's withdrawal costs the litigants a high-profile plaintiff. He was by far the best-known of 15 former players who filed a lawsuit in federal court in Philadelphia last week.

They joined more than 4,800 others who allege the NFL misled players about the long-term dangers of concussions. The league has denied those allegations. "I am sympathetic to other players who are seeking relief who may have suffered head injuries," Marino, 52, said in his statement. The NFL and the original group of players agreed on a \$765 million settlement last August, but that deal was rejected by a federal judge in January. Marino spent his entire 17-year career with the Miami Dolphins and retired as the most prolific passer in NFL history. He worked as an analyst for CBS from 2002 to 2013 but wasn't retained for this season. □

## DOUBLE PLAY

## Bosox's streak ends at 7

Cleveland Indians' Asdrubal Cabrera, top, holds onto Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz after Ortiz was out at second base on a double play in the third inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 2, 2014, in Cleveland. A.J. Pierzynski was out at first base.

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# French semis: Sharapova-Bouchard, Djokovic-Gulbis

**HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — This is what Maria Sharapova does. She digs herself a big hole in a match, then figures a way out, no matter what it takes.

She hits shots left-handed. Takes her time between points. Pumps her fists and screams "Come on!" after her opponent's mistakes. And wins.

Did it in the fourth round at the French Open, turning things around by winning the last nine games. Did it Tuesday, too, reeling off nine of the last 10 games to put together a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over 35th-ranked Garbine Muguruza of Spain that put 2012 champion Sharapova in the semifinals at Roland Garros for the fourth consecutive year.

"When you just don't feel like anything is going your way, you want to try to find a little door to get into," Sharapova said. "Once you start feeling, you know, like you got your foot in the door, then it's a little bit easier."

After beating one 20-year-old, Sharapova now faces another, 18th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada, who earned a semifinal spot for the second straight Grand Slam tournament. Like Sharapova, Bouchard was not fazed by falling behind in the quarterfinals. Bouchard trailed 5-2 in the first set, and 4-1 in the third, but beat No. 14 Carla Su-



Russia's Maria Sharapova returns the ball to Spain's Garbine Muguruza during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Associated Press

arez Navarro of Spain 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-5.

"I'm just proud," Bouchard said, "of the way I stayed in there."

Tuesday's men's quarterfinals offered far less intrigue. No. 2 Novak Djokovic kept up his bid to complete a career Grand Slam by muting Milos Raonic's dangerous serve and defeating the eighth-seeded Canadian 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Djokovic's next opponent is No. 18 Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, who followed his victory over Roger Federer with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the

Czech Republic.

Djokovic, 27, and Gulbis, 25, go way back, having overlapped in their early teens at a German tennis academy.

Their paths quickly diverged, with Djokovic focusing on tennis and thriving, to the tune of six major titles. Gulbis admits he enjoyed the nightlife too much for his game's good. Only recently did Gulbis realize he needed to take his job more seriously.

"It's really important, for my happiness, just to be successful on the tennis court," Gulbis said. "Forget

about the money. Forget about fame. It's just about my inner comfort. That's it." Djokovic will be playing in his 22nd career Grand Slam semifinal; Gulbis in his first.

Similarly, Sharapova is headed to her 18th, Bouchard her second. Bouchard is 7 years younger, and tracked Sharapova's career from afar.

"First I noticed, like, her cute dresses and things like that when I was young," said Bouchard, who recalled being a spectator at a tournament in Florida

as a youngster and posing for a photo with Sharapova.

"She, of course, is very strong mentally.

It is one of her strengths, I think," Bouchard said.

"I'm just looking forward to the challenge."

For 18 miserable minutes against Muguruza, Sharapova did nothing right. She lost 15 of the first 20 points and fell behind 4-0.

"I thought, 'I'm going to win,'" said Muguruza, who was one game away at 5-4 in the second.

Then, serving at 5-all, Muguruza went ahead 30-love.

"Suddenly, I had the impression that it was so easy," Muguruza said.

"Maybe I relaxed a little." She double-faulted, opening the door. Sharapova barged through, hitting a pair of backhand winners, then forcing Muguruza's forehand error, to get the break.

"I'm sure she feels like she has a good chance of getting that game in the bag," Sharapova said, "and all of a sudden, I'm serving for the set."

Brushing off a warning from the chair umpire for taking too much time between points, Sharapova broke to go ahead 2-1 in the third, her first lead.

In the next game, Sharapova saved five break points to hold for 3-1. And that was that.

Little adjustments, here and there, made the difference.

Sharapova took more chances on returns, attacking Muguruza's second serves. Sharapova tried to extend points — even shifting her racket to her off hand for a couple of lefty strokes — to force Muguruza to hit extra shots. One telling final-set stat: Muguruza made 26 unforced errors, Sharapova five.

"I didn't do much in the first set to hurt her. She was doing many things well. I also knew that the match wasn't over," Sharapova said. "I still had a fair bit of time to change things around." □



Former English soccer star David Beckham, third from left, poses with MLS Commissioner Don Garber, left, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, right, and soccer fans with the Southern Legion soccer supporters at a news conference where Beckham announced he will exercise his option to purchase a Major League Soccer expansion team in Miami, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, in Miami.

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## Beckham hints at possible comeback

**LONDON (AP)** — David Beckham says he might come out of retirement and play football again.

The football great, who retired last year after a final stint at Paris Saint-Germain, said in a BBC documentary he had "a tough time" after hanging up his boots and is tempted to come out of retirement.

The 39-year-old Beckham,

who is trying to launch a Major League Soccer team and build a stadium in Miami, said "there's never been a player-owner, but maybe?"

The former England captain traveled 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) into the Amazon rainforest for 12 days to make the documentary which will be broadcast on Monday. □



# Winning by being the best at not losing

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)** — It was hard to read the eyes of Jack Nicklaus behind his sunglasses, and maybe that was a good thing. He was in his customary spot behind the 18th green at Muirfield Village as he waited to see who would win the Memorial.

Or who would do the best job of not losing.

It's rare to get such beautiful weather over four days at the Memorial. An ugly finish? That has become all too common this year.

The Sunday follies of so many top players — most of them major champions — stand out even more in the absence of Tiger Woods, who is recovering from back surgery that has kept him away from golf for the last three months.

Without Woods around, all anyone has are memories, particularly around a place like Muirfield Village.

He won his fifth Memorial title two years ago with three birdies on the last four holes. One year he was in a battle with Paul Azinger, tied for the lead early in the final round. Woods ended up winning by seven.

Over the last four months, a list that includes major champions Rory McIlroy, Adam Scott, Louis Oosthuizen and Bubba Watson has shown that it's either hard to win on the PGA Tour or that Woods was really, really good at it.

Probably a little of both.

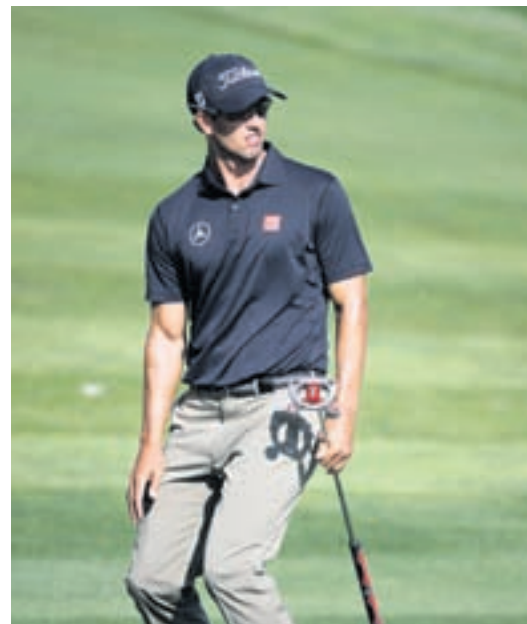
"We've seen a lot of things happen," Scott said on the eve of the final round, perhaps a pep talk that his three-shot deficit to Watson going into Sunday was not that large. "It's not a lot when we've seen a lot of leads go the wrong way recently."

That was rare with Woods, of course.

He went nearly 15 years before losing a lead greater



**Bubba Watson, left, kicks a divot after hitting to the ninth green during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament Friday, May 30, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio; and Adam Scott, right, of Australia, reacts to a missed putt on the 13th hole during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament Friday, May 30, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio.**



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than two shots going into the final round. Graeme McDowell rallied from four behind to beat Woods in the Chevron World Challenge at the end of 2010. His conversion rate on the

PGA Tour with at least a share of the 54-hole lead is 93 percent. Even though Woods hasn't sustained a full season of great play in five years, his reputation as golf's greatest closer in history takes on a new appreciation in times like this. Consider the final round at the Memorial.

Watson failed to hold an outright lead for the second time this year because of mistakes on the back nine. He bogeyed two of the last three holes in Phoenix. At the Memorial, it was a pair of tee shots that did him in, particularly that monster drive over the trees, off the property and into a neighborhood.

Scott was in position for his second straight PGA Tour win. He was tied for the lead until he put his tee shot in the water on the 12th (double bogey), took two shots to get out of a bunker on the 14th (bogey), and then had some bad luck when his wedge to the par-5 15th hit the flag and bounced back toward the fairway (bogey).

The winner was Hideki Matsuyama, and here's how he got it done. He hit his tee shot into the water on the 16th for double bogey to lose a two-shot lead. From the 17th fairway, he went over the green and made bogey to fall out

of the lead. And then he pushed his tee shot toward the big tree right of the 18th fairway, lightly slammed his driver to the turf (the head broke off), only to find the ball had hit the tree and bounced back to the fairway. From there, he smashed 7-iron at the flag and made birdie to get into a playoff.

He beat Kevin Na, who hooked his drive into the water and still had 10 feet left for bogey when Matsuyama made the winning putt. These things happen in golf. They just seem to be happening more than usual this year.

McIlroy had a two-shot lead at the Honda Classic until hitting it fat out of a bunker and into the water for double bogey on the 16th hole, and making bogey from a bunker on the 17th hole. He hit as good a shot that has been struck all year on the 18th, a 5-wood over the water to 12 feet, only to miss the eagle putt and then lose in a four-man playoff. The playoff hole was a par 5. Russell Henley was the only player to make birdie.

Scott, in his first chance to reach No. 1, had a seven-shot lead going into the weekend at Bay Hill. He closed with a 76 and finished two shots behind Matt Every. □

## Froome to defend title at Criterium du Dauphine

**SAMUEL PETREQUIN**

**AP Sports Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Team Sky bitter rivals Chris Froome and Bradley Wiggins will warm up for the Tour de France in different races.

Froome, the defending Tour champion, will put the finishing touches to his Tour preparation by competing at the Criterium du Dauphine from June 8-15, while Wiggins, the first British rider to win cycling's showpiece event two years ago, will use the Tour de Suisse as a tune-up. Team Sky boss Dave Brailsford said he will use the Criterium and the Tour de Suisse to pick his final nine riders for the Tour, which starts in Yorkshire, England, on July 5.

"We have to name 13 riders in a long list during June, and we'll do that from across the squad, including riders at the Route du Sud, not only those in the Dauphine and Tour de Suisse

groups," he said.

Froome, who also won the week-long Dauphine in France last year as part of his dominant season, will be surrounded by a team made of strong climbers in the mountainous event, including last year's Dauphine runner-up Richie Porte, Vasil Kiryienka, David Lopez, Mikel Nieve, Danny Pate, Geraint Thomas and Xabier Zandio.

Brailsford will also keep a close eye on his riders' performances in Switzerland, where Wiggins will be competing from June 14-22.

While there is no doubt about Froome's selection for the Tour, Wiggins' place in Sky's lineup is not guaranteed, despite the time-trial Olympic champion's recent surge in form and his victory at the Tour of California last month.

Froome and Wiggins have endured a frosty relationship over the last couple

of years but are said to have buried the hatchet. Tensions between them first arose during the 2012 Tour, with Froome sometimes looking the stronger rider in the climbs but being thwarted by team orders to support Wiggins rather than try and attack him.

Last year, after suggesting he would seek to defend his title and upset Sky's plans of making Froome its leader, Wiggins missed the race because of health issues and Froome easily won the 100th edition of the race.

But Froome recently said his relationship with Wiggins was back to normal, and Wiggins was adamant he would support his younger teammate if he was selected. However, it remains to be seen whether the two champions can cohabit during three weeks on the road if they both make the cut. □



**MLB Capsules**

# Masterson, Indians end Boston's 7-game win streak

By The Associated Press

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Justin Masterson found the strike zone after a rocky start and pitched seven scoreless innings as the Cleveland Indians ended Boston's seven-game winning streak with a 3-2 victory over the Red Sox on Monday night. Masterson (3-4) walked four in the first three innings, but settled in and won for the first time in five starts. He allowed just three singles and struck out a season-high 10.

Lonnie Chisenhall hit a two-run single in the first off John Lackey (6-4) as the Indians won their fourth straight. Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run homer in the Boston eighth off Bryan Shaw. Cody Allen worked the ninth for his fourth save. Red Sox shortstop Stephen Drew went 0 for 2 with a walk in his season debut. He re-signed as a free agent last month.

Boston outfielder Grady Sizemore went 0 for 4 — he popped up for the final out — in his return to Cleveland. He was a three-time All-Star in nearly eight seasons with the Indians. **MARINERS 10, YANKEES 2** **NEW YORK (AP)** — Kyle Seager homered, tripled twice and doubled, leading Felix Hernandez and the Seattle Mariners past the New York Yankees.

Hernandez (8-1) tied a career high by winning his fifth



**Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts watches his ball after hitting a two-run home run off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Bryan Shaw in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 2, 2014, in Cleveland. Brock Holt scored.**

Associated Press

straight start.

Robinson Cano again got booed by Yankees fans in this makeup of an April 30 rainout. Out four games with a bruised left hand, the former Yankees star was 1 for 3 with two walks. He drew a mocking cheer when he was picked off by David Phelps (1-3). Seattle won its third in a row.

Seager became the first major leaguer to hit two tri-

ples and at least one homer and one double since Hal Breeden for Montreal in 1973, STATS said.

**METS 11, PHILLIES 2** **PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Wilmer Flores hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs, Bartolo Colon threw seven-plus sharp innings and New York beat Philadelphia in a makeup from an April rainout.

After playing 39 innings in the three previous games,

the teams finally didn't go extras. The Mets took four of five from the Phillies and are 9-1 in Citizens Bank Park, dating to last season. Colon (5-5) allowed two runs and six hits to win his third straight decision. The 41-year-old righty has a 1.61 ERA in his last three outings.

The last-place Phillies went 4-7 on an 11-game home-stand, their longest of the season. They're a season-worst seven games under .500 and barely resemble the team that won five consecutive NL East titles from 2007-11.

Roberto Hernandez (2-3) failed to pitch six innings for the sixth time in 10 starts.

**PIRATES 10, PADRES 3**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Jordy Mercer homered and matched a career high with four of Pittsburgh's 16 hits in a romp over San Diego. Neil Walker added three hits and three RBIs, and Josh Harrison also had three hits to help the Pirates win for the ninth time in 13 games. Charlie Morton (2-7) tied a career best with nine strikeouts in five innings. He allowed two runs in winning for the first time in five road starts this year. Three relievers finished the five-hitter after 4 hours, 4 minutes — the longest nine-inning game in Padres history. Mercer scored four times from the No. 8 spot in the batting order

and went 4 for 5 to raise his average 20 points to .219. He entered with one home run and seven RBIs in 146 at-bats.

Tim Stauffer (2-2) lasted only 2 2-3 innings, his second consecutive disappointing start since being inserted into the rotation because of elbow injuries to Andrew Cashner and Robbie Erlin.

**DODGERS 5, WHITE SOX 2** **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Clayton Kershaw shrugged off a two-run homer by Jose Abreu in the rookie's return from the disabled list, pitching Los Angeles past Chicago for his first home win of the season.

Justin Turner's two-run single keyed a five-run sixth inning in which all the Dodgers' runs were unearned.

Kershaw (4-2) allowed four hits over eight innings, striking out nine and walking none. Kenley Jansen got three outs for his 17th save. Jose Quintana (3-5) gave up six hits through six innings and was charged with all five unearned runs. **BREWERS 6, TWINS 2**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Matt Garza took a shutout into the seventh inning and Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer, sending Milwaukee past Minnesota.

Garza (3-4) scattered six hits over 6 1-3 scoreless innings against the team that brought him to the big leagues in 2006. □



**New York Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka, of Japan, delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins Saturday, May 31, 2014, in New York.**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yankees ace Masahiro Tanaka has been se-

lected the American League pitcher of the month for May.

## Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka is AL pitcher of month

Still, the Japanese star says he's not satisfied with his performance in the major leagues despite his success.

"On the mound, some of the stuff I want to do, I'm not able to do," Tanaka said Tuesday through a translator.

Tanaka went 5-1 with a 1.88 ERA for New York in May with a shutout. He struck out 42 and walked just six in 43 innings in becoming the first Yankees rookie to earn the honor.

Using a devastating split-fingered fastball, Tanaka has quickly adapted to the major leagues after going 24-0 in his final regular season in Japan.

The 25-year-old right-hander led the Rakuten Golden Eagles to the Japan Series championship last year, then signed a \$155 million, seven-year contract with Yankees. New York also paid a \$20 million posting fee to Rakuten. Tanaka won his first six decisions in the majors

to extend a winning streak in the regular season to 42 starts (34-0) before losing to the Chicago Cubs on May 20, allowing three runs in six innings.

Among qualifying starters in the AL with a minimum of 27 innings, Tanaka finished tied for first in wins, was second in ERA and third in strikeouts.

Overall, Tanaka is 8-1 with a 2.06 ERA in 11 starts. He has 88 strikeouts in 78 2-3 innings and only 12 walks. □





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# Heat locking in on Finals, not what summer brings

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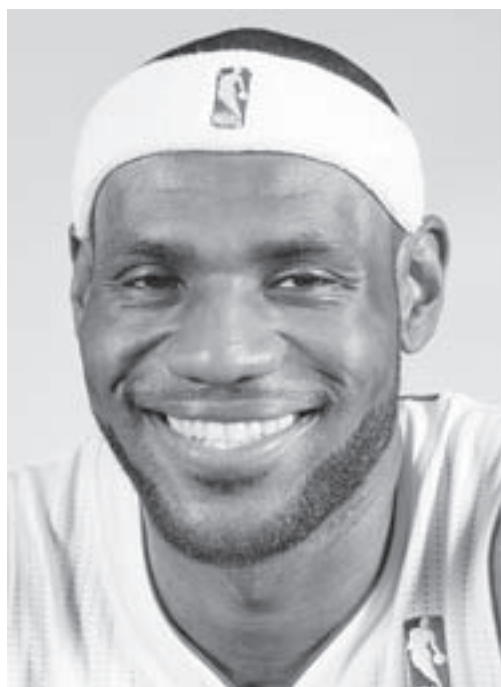
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — For the Miami Heat, it's all about June.

July can wait.

Four years ago, when LeBron James uttered the now-infamous phrase — “not two, not three, not four, not five ...” — about how many championships he hoped to win with the Heat, it was almost immediately turned into a punch line. It rings prophetic in some ways, with the Heat back in the NBA Finals for a fourth consecutive season. How the Heat fare in their NBA Finals rematch with the San Antonio Spurs might dictate what happens in July, when James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade can become free agents if they choose. A looming offseason of decisions has been a taboo subject for the Heat “Big 3” this season, and Wade insisted on Monday that Miami's stars have not said a word to each other about what may or may not happen. “I’m not lying,” Wade said. Still, as long as Miami keeps winning, it seems logical its Big 3 will stay together. “I want to come back. That’s OK to say,” Bosh said after the Heat finished their first workout in preparation for the NBA Finals, which begin on Thursday in San Antonio. “I can’t speak for anything else and I don’t want to take away from the subject at hand, but I like it here. It’s Miami. Enough said. People are dying to get here.”

Regardless of the outcome of this Heat-Spurs series, there will be changes to the Heat, which is an annual rite for just about every team. James, Wade and Bosh can all opt out of their current deals. Shane



From left are file photos showing Miami Heat basketball players LeBron James in 2013, Dwyane Wade in 2013 and Chris Bosh in 2012. The two words nobody wants to hear in Miami is free agency. LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade could go elsewhere in a few weeks, although not likely. First, the NBA finals begin Thursday, with the Heat positioned to go from two-time champs to full-blown dynasty.

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Battier is retiring, Ray Allen may think about doing the same, while Mario Chalmers, James Jones and Rashard Lewis are notable free-agents-in-waiting. Winning a third straight title could make some of those stay-or-go decisions pretty simple. And Wade believes Miami's legacy has been secured. “Whenever it’s all said and done, the legacy of this team, it’s going to be

a great team,” Wade said. “It’s going to go down in history as an unbelievable team not only in South Florida but in NBA history.” Given that, it’s easy to see why so much attention gets paid to how long this team can stay together. Bosh, Wade and James all made it very clear in September that they were not going to let the summer of 2014 turn into the circus

that the summer of 2010 was, when all three became free agents and decided to bring their talents together. Entering the season, James said his teammates “understand where I stand” regarding the future. And on Monday, James said he wasn’t going to let himself be distracted by thinking about what impact the result of these NBA Finals will

have on the legacy the Heat have created over the last four seasons. “No, because I live in the moment,” James said. “It’s almost the same with my individual accomplishments. I never really understand them. The only time I’ll be able to appreciate it is when I’m done playing the game.” Battier said all of them thought like that.

## CFL moves toward work stoppage

TORONTO (AP) — The president of the Canadian Football League Players’ Association says a work stoppage is closer after the league rejected the union’s most recent offer for a new labor deal. “All the indications I’m getting from players is they’re prepared to get the attention to what’s going on out there,” union president Scott Flory said. “Our guys are insulted and upset by

what’s going on.” The players tabled a new offer Monday that called for a shorter term and included concessions on the salary cap and the amount of revenue that would trigger the renegotiation of the deal. The two sides haven’t met face-to-face since Thursday and no new talks are scheduled. CFL commissioner Mark Cohon said he hopes the

players don’t go on strike but that the next move is theirs. “We understand they’re very serious but we want to see football,” he said. The previous collective bargaining agreement expired Thursday night. Training camps still opened as scheduled Sunday. The earliest players could strike en masse is Tuesday due to Alberta labor laws. That means Monday

night’s exhibition game between Toronto and Winnipeg would go ahead, but a work stoppage would jeopardize games scheduled for Friday and Saturday. A lengthy strike could delay the scheduled June 26 start of the regular season, which McCallum said would be unfortunate given Ottawa’s return to the CFL in 2014.



# The Sunny Side

**Dr. Carlos Viana**

In the Caribbean Sea, on the sunny side of the world, sits the ABC islands, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Just twelve degrees latitude south, is the greatest concentration of sunlight on earth, the equator. In latitude, each degree is approximately 69 miles/111 kilometers apart, this means lots of sunshine and ultra-violet (UV) light on our islands.

Sunlight encourages the production of white blood cells to boost the immune system and fight infection. UV rays from the sun act as a natural antiseptic, helping to combat viruses and bacteria. A little UV light eases common skin problems including acne, dermatitis and psoriasis. Most skin complaints are caused by over-sensitivity. The sun's UV rays help to combat this sensitivity. Not seeing sunlight for prolonged periods, like during grey skies of winter can cause Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), where the person can feel "sad" or depressed. The sun even promotes the release of proteins, which makes your body's use of oxygen more effective, helping heart attack patients survive longer. However, you can have too much of a good thing, so limit your exposure to no more than 15 minutes a day before applying a sun cream, and do not go out in the hottest part of the day, between 11:00am and 2:00pm. If this is not

possible, wear protective clothing and sunscreen.

Also influenced by the sun is melatonin, a hormone that naturally makes you sleepy. Melatonin levels rise when the sun goes down to help you sleep. Levels then drop, when the sun rises, waking you up. Insomnia and irregular sleep patterns tend improve in the summer when we are exposed to more sunlight. Are you guilty of staying up late with artificial lighting, or do you work late shifts, thus messing up your body's natural sleep cycle? If melatonin levels are not working correctly, it affects your body's ability to make vitamin D.

Vitamin D is called the "sunshine vitamin" because it can be made in the skin from exposure to sunlight. We assume that those of us, who live in sunny climates, have adequate vitamin D production. However, when we make assumptions, we're limiting ourselves to a narrow view of things. Vitamin D is vital both for healthy bones and preventing rickets, a childhood disorder in which bones become soft and prone to fractures and deformity. Another benefit from Vitamin D – it fights viruses naturally. Vitamin D is actually a group of hormones responsible for enhancing absorption of calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphate and zinc. In humans, the most important compounds in this group



are vitamin D3 and vitamin D2.

In my constant search to stay current and improve the health of my family and patients, I read many studies that said an estimated 1 billion people worldwide, across all ethnicities and age groups have a vitamin D deficiency! This pandemic of vitamin D deficiency has mainly been attributed to lifestyle and environmental factors that reduce exposure to sunlight, which is required for ultraviolet-B (UVB)-induced vitamin D production in the skin.

Dark skin absorbs more UVB in the melanin of their skin than light skin does. This means more sun exposure is required to produce the same amount of vitamin D. Wow! Like many people, I thought dark skin would be more effective in producing Vitamin D not less.

I decided to test some of my patients' Vitamin D levels, choosing a variety of ages, sex and body types of those only living in Aruba, where we have strong sunlight. When we received the results that both shocked and humbled me; all of us came out vitamin D deficient! The initial test

was just a small selection of people. Now I recommend checking not only for Vitamin D, but also Cortisol, which shows possible deficiency of melatonin levels, to see if melatonin is affecting vitamin D and if supplementation is needed. This is especially important for patients especially in climates where the sun doesn't shine long and strong, but also here on the sunny side.

Most oil-rich fish such as salmon, mackerel, and herring contain vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, but we are not getting sufficient amounts of D2 from our foods anymore with modern farming and altered food conditions. Vitamin D is an independent risk factor for premature aging. Emerging research supports the possible role of vitamin D in prevention of cancer, heart disease, fractures and falls, autoimmune diseases, influenza, type-2 diabetes, and depression.

Health care providers have begun to increase their recommendations for vitamin D supplementation to at least 1000 IU per day. Personally, I recommend testing your vitamin D status first, then with results, when deficient supplementing with up to 5000 IU of a high quality vitamin D; then testing again after three to six months. Doing this, I have achieved positive results.

Get The Point! Making assumptions is natural, but inefficient. By not using all the tools available to be sure what is really happening, the assumption can cost more in the long run. Contact us about testing

your vitamin D levels so we can show you how to adjust your lifestyle and if you need a little "sunshine vitamin" supplementation. Meanwhile, get outside and soak up some sun, or better, join us on one of our beautiful ABC Islands. We're on the sunny side of the "street."

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# Volume of encrypted email rising amid spying fears

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— The volume of email cloaked in encryption technology is rapidly rising as Google, Yahoo, Facebook and other major Internet companies try to shield their users' on-line communications from government spies and other snoops.

Google and other companies are now automatically encrypting all email, but that doesn't ensure confidentiality unless the recipients' email provider also adopts the technology.

In an analysis released Tuesday, Google Inc. said that about 65 percent of the messages sent by its Gmail users are encrypted while delivered, meaning the recipient's email provider also supports the technology. That's up from 39 percent in December. Incoming communiques to Gmail are less secure. Only 50 percent of them are encrypted while in transit, up from 27 percent in December.

Encryption reduces the chances that email can be read by interlopers. The technology transforms the text into coding that looks like gibberish until it arrives at its destination.

Google and other Internet services rely on a form of encryption known as Transport Layer Security, or TLS. Security experts say that encryption method isn't as secure as other options. But encryption that is tougher to crack is also more complicated to use. Gmail, with more than 425 million accounts worldwide, was one of the first free email services to embrace TLS. Yahoo, Facebook and AOL also are encrypting their email services. Microsoft Corp., whose stable of email services includes the Outlook, MSN and Hotmail domains, has started encrypting many accounts as part of transition that won't be completed until later this year.

Less than half of the correspondence from a Ho-



In this April 17, 2007 file photo, exhibitors of the Google company work on laptop computers in front of an illuminated sign of the Google logo at the industrial fair Hannover Messe in Hanover, Germany. Associated Press

mail account to Gmail isn't encrypted as of late May, Google said. Security is even worse at Comcast.net and Verizon.net, where less than 1 percent of the traffic coming to and from Gmail is encrypted, according to Google. The Google report comes a year after the first wave of media reports about the U.S. government's intrusive techniques to monitor online communications and other Internet activity. The National Security Administration says its online surveillance focused on people living outside the U.S. as the agency tried to defuse threats of terrorism. After lashing out at the government spying, Google and other Internet companies began encrypting email and other online services in an attempt to reassure users worried about their privacy. The Internet companies are hoping their efforts to thwart government surveillance will make Web surfers feel comfortable enough to continue to visit their services. The companies make more money from online ads if their audiences keep growing. Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who leaked documents revealing the online espionage, is among critics

who believe the encryption methods deployed by Google and its peers are inadequate. In a March appearance at a technology conference, Snowden described TSL encryption

as "deeply problematic" because U.S. government operatives merely needed to obtain a court order or hack into data centers to obtain users' emails and other information.

Like many privacy activists, Snowden prefers "end-to-end" encryption, a more complicated step that requires a key to decrypt the information contained in emails. These encrypted keys are only held by an email recipient, making it virtually impossible for an unauthorized user to know what's in the message. This form of encryption takes more technical expertise to do right and can cause more headaches if passwords are forgotten because they can't be reset. That raises the risk of the email being inaccessible even to the recipient.

Google hopes to make end-to-end encryption easier by releasing an extension for its Chrome browser later this year. The company released the coding for the planned extension to security specialists Tuesday in an effort to detect any weaknesses before making it available to everyone. □

## Sony to stop selling PlayStation Portable

TOKYO (AP) — Sony Corp. is pulling the plug on its hand-held PlayStation Portable video game machine after 10 years.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment company has been pushing the successor machine, PlayStation Vita.

Tokyo-based Sony said Tuesday that PSP shipments ended in North America in January, will end in Japan this month and later this year in Europe.

Discounts on Vita and downloads are offered to Japanese PSP owners, but are still undecided for those overseas.

More than 76 million PSP machines were sold, as of two years ago, the last time a tally was taken. The PSP went on sale in December 2004. Machines devoted to games are struggling against the popularity of smartphones and other



In this Sept. 14, 2011 file photo, Sony Computer Entertainment's PlayStation Vita is shown during a press conference in Tokyo. Associated Press

devices. Sony reported a \$1.3 billion loss for last fiscal year and is expecting to stay in the red this year. Some analysts say the Vita has not sold in significant numbers. Sony does not release the cumulative global unit sales of the Vita and

combines it with PSP tallies. Sony's handheld game machine also faced stiff competition from Japanese rival Nintendo Co.'s 3DS. But Nintendo has also struggled to keep momentum going for its game machines. □



# Stocks edge lower, pulling back from record highs

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The stock market fell slightly Tuesday, pulling back from record highs the day before.

Hillshire Brands jumped as a bidding war for the company heated up, while Krispy Kreme Doughnuts plunged after issuing a disappointing forecast.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 21.29 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,722.34. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.73 points, or 0.04 percent, to 1,924.24 and the Nasdaq composite fell 3.12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,234.08. Even with Tuesday's decline, the direction for the stock market the last two weeks has been up. The S&P 500 and Dow have fallen just three times in the last 12 sessions.

Deli meat and hotdog maker Hillshire Brands rose \$5.08, or 9.5 percent, to \$58.65.

Two companies — Pilgrim's Pride and Tyson Foods — are in a bidding war to buy Hillshire. The company said it will hold separate talks with the companies after Pilgrim's Pride raised its bid for Hillshire to \$55 a share, \$5 more than what Tyson Foods offered last week.

Hillshire's closing stock price of more than \$58 is a sign that investors believe Pilgrim's Pride and Tyson are willing to offer much more for Hillshire.

Meanwhile, the stock of the suitors fell. Tyson slipped \$1.32, or 3 percent, to \$42.08 and Pilgrim's Pride declined 58 cents, or 2.2 percent, to 25.34.

It's been a quiet week so far, with summer setting in and trading slowing down. Investors had one piece of economic data to interpret Tuesday. Orders to U.S. factories rose for a third consecutive month in April, the latest evidence that manufacturing was regaining momentum after a harsh winter. Factory orders rose 0.7 percent in April, better than the 0.5 percent rise that economists expected. The factory orders data was the third manufacturing report in two days. On Monday, reports on U.S. and Chinese manufacturing activity came in above expectations. That helped send both the Dow and S&P 500 to record highs for the second straight trading day. The S&P 500 closed at an all-time high of 1,924.97 that day, while the Dow ended at 16,743.63.

"The economic data here

continues to get incrementally better," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist for Prudential Financial. "But Friday's jobs report is the big number this week. On that day, investors will get the May U.S. jobs report. Economists expect that companies hired

to FactSet. On Thursday, European Central Bank will announce its latest interest rate policy decision.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.60 percent from 2.53 percent late Monday. In company news:

and fewer sales than previously estimated. The company's stock fell \$2.81, or 15 percent, to \$16.19.

— General Motors and Ford rose modestly Tuesday, after each reported a rise in sales of cars and trucks last month. GM had a 13-percent sales increase



**Trader Leon Montana, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market fell slightly Tuesday, pulling back from record highs the day before.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

220,000 workers last month, and that the unemployment rate remained steady at 6.3 percent, according

— Krispy Kreme slumped after the doughnut chain cut its earnings forecast for this year, citing higher costs

from a year earlier, despite the bad publicity over the company's ignition switch recall.



**This photo shows a home for sale in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami. U.S. home prices rose in April compared with a year earlier, but the increase was the smallest annual gain in 14 months. Price gains have slowed this year as sales have faltered.**

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices rose in April compared with a year ear-

lier, but the increase was the smallest annual gain in 14 months. Price gains have slowed this year as sales have faltered.

## US home price gains slow in April amid tepid sales

Data provider CoreLogic said Tuesday that prices rose 10.5 percent in April from 12 months earlier. That is a healthy gain, but it is down from March's 11.1 percent increase and February's 12.2 percent rise. On a month-to-month basis, April prices rose 2.1 percent. But CoreLogic's monthly figures aren't adjusted for seasonal patterns, such as warmer spring weather.

Higher mortgage rates, tight credit and a limited supply of available homes have slowed the housing recovery. Sales of existing homes ticked up in April after falling to a 20-month low in March. They were still

6.8 percent lower than a year ago.

Prices rose in the 12 months ending in April in every state, CoreLogic said. The states with the biggest price gains were California, 15.6 percent; Nevada, 14.8 percent; Hawaii, 14.1 percent; Oregon, 11.8 percent; and Michigan, 11.3 percent.

Ninety-five of the 100 largest metro areas reported higher prices in April compared with a year earlier. The five that did not record an increase were: Hartford, Connecticut; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Little Rock, Arkansas; Worcester, Massachusetts; and New Haven, Connecticut.

Nationwide, home prices are still 14.3 percent below the peak they reached in April 2006, when the housing bubble began to deflate. But in 23 states, prices are at or within 10 percent of their previous peaks, according to CoreLogic's figures.

Housing began to recover in 2012, but sales of existing homes stalled after mortgage rates jumped last spring. Most economists forecast that sales will barely rise this year from 2013's pace of 5.1 million. Sluggish sales, in turn, will slow annual price gains this year to roughly 5 percent or 6 percent, economists predict.



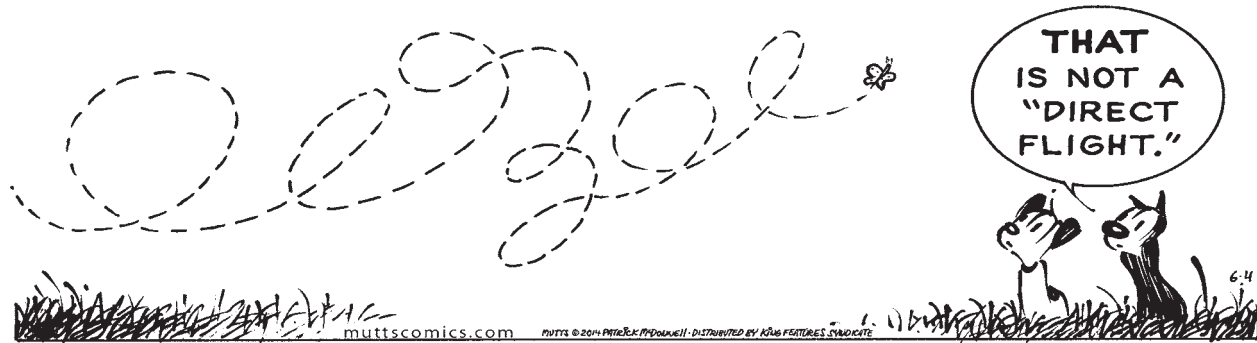
Visa hasn't come up with a new name for the label yet, said Cecilia Frew, who oversees its prepaid card business. Since card issuers need to apply to receive the label, it could be nine to 12 months before Visa starts awarding them. The new label is only for U.S. cards. Visa has 25,000 prepaid card partners around the world. 

Shares of Hillshire Brands rose \$4.93, or 9.2 percent, to \$58.50 before the market open. □

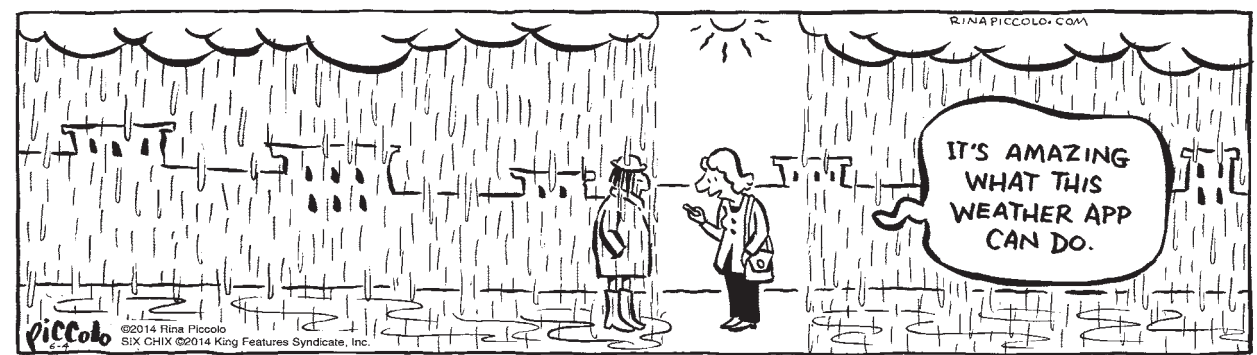
Shares of AT&T Inc. fell slightly in premarket trading. □



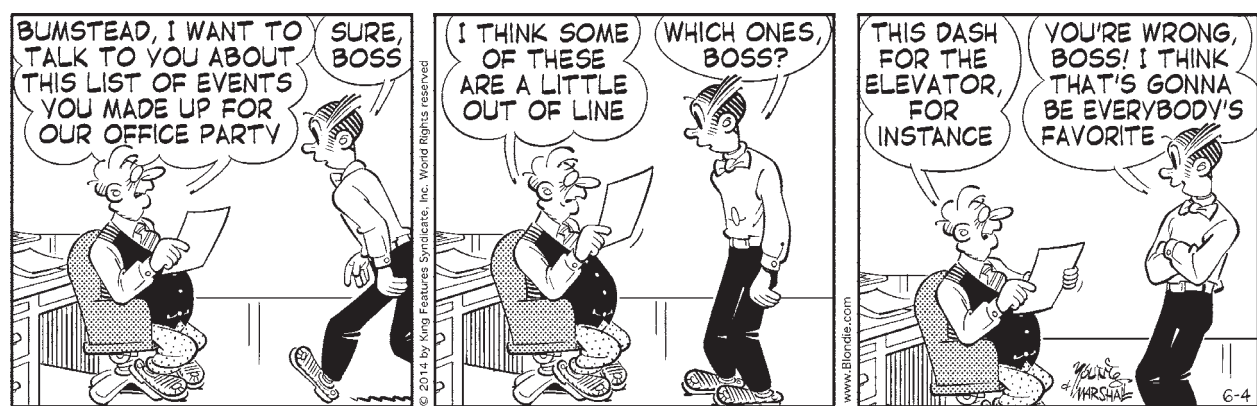
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

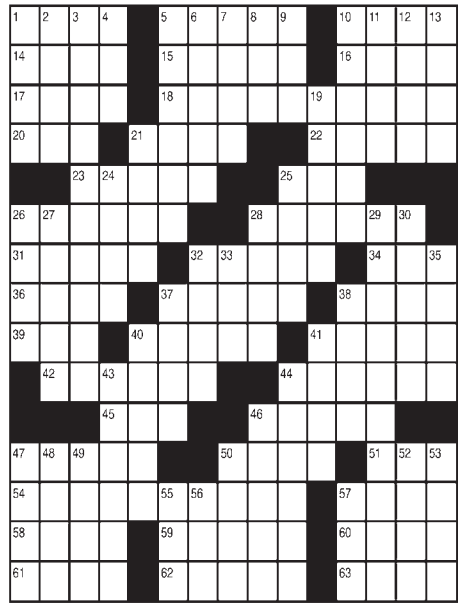
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6	7	1	2	4	5	3	9	8
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## ACROSS

- 1996 candidate for president
- Regulations
- Ginger cookie
- Ardent
- Excuse
- Make well
- Brooklyn \_\_; NBA team
- Conversation opener
- White \_\_; termite
- "Beware the \_\_ of March!"
- Dreary; not at all promising
- Romantic guy
- Female deer
- Gushed forth
- Topeka's state
- Deserves
- In a very unfriendly way
- Automobile
- Experts
- Part of a knife
- Celebration
- \_\_-tac-toe
- \_\_ on; reveals the crimes of
- Leg bone
- Coils of yarn
- Warsaw's land
- Sunburned
- Fabric for a fine tablecloth
- Cathedral table
- Little dogs with muzzled faces
- M.D., familiarly
- Comforting
- Woman
- Create
- Prolonged attack
- Eras
- Drove too fast
- \_\_ up; tallied
- Finest

## DOWN

- Actress Delany
- Kiln
- Capital of Arkansas
- Begley & Asner



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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 40 Bleacher levels
- 41 Heavy weights
- 43 Wiped away
- 44 \_\_ out; ate way too much
- 46 Forward dive
- 47 Weapons
- 48 Jump
- 49 \_\_ out; delete
- 50 "The \_\_ Piper of Hamelin"
- 52 Lofty poems
- 53 Fluid-filled sac
- 55 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
- 56 Get \_\_ of; shed
- 57 Popular dog breed, for short



# Airlines Test Devices to Cut Down on Missing Luggage

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David Deeble opened his suitcase and realized that his machete was missing. So was the plunger, the stuffed rabbit and the juggling pins - not to mention his clothes.

A comedic juggler for a cruise line, Deeble discovered six hours before the ship's departure from Singapore that he had grabbed the wrong black wheeled bag on his way out of the airport.

As luggage has become increasingly indistinguishable, travelers have tried ever more ways to set their bags apart, like tying bright ribbons on the handle or slapping on fluorescent stickers on the side.

Now, some companies and airlines are developing a digital alternative to the paper tag, not only to find lost bags but also to make check-in quicker.

Last year, British Airways conducted tests on a digital tag. The airline hopes to have it available to customers by the end of this year, a spokeswoman said via email.

"The device is designed to create a hassle-free check-in experience," she said. "It will save them time at the airport. The personalized digital bag tag

a technology firm based in London and Amsterdam, on a tracking system that works through a smart-phone app.

"Our aim is to take the

aches of air travel - the lost bag. Airbus estimates that some 26 million bags are lost every year. While most are misdirected, airlines and customers say that a



**Ric Fleisher, who bought a bright blue suitcase after another airline passenger walked off with a previous less distinctive bag, in New York. Fliers have long tried many ways to set similar bags apart. Now, some companies are developing digital alternatives.**

(Tina Fineberg/The New York Times)

changes with the swipe of a smartphone to upload the traveler's next destination." Air France-KLM is working with FastTrack Co.,

stress out of travel and put you in control of your bag," said David van Hoytema, a co-founder of FastTrack.

The system consists of two devices. A digital luggage tag will replace a paper version. A tracking device goes inside a bag and tells the owner its location through a smartphone app, using Bluetooth when a traveler's phone is near the bag, and GPS and GSM cellular technology when Bluetooth is out of range. Van Hoytema said travelers would be able to use the devices together or independently. Travelers flying any airline would be able to use the tracking device. Air France hopes to have it available to travelers by the end of this year, said Carole Peytavin, the airline's customer experience director for medium-haul activities.

Airbus is working on a suitcase with an embedded digital luggage tag that uses a cellular connection plus GPS for tracking. The device, called Bag2Go, is expected to be available in the near future.

The airline industry hopes it could help ease what is one of the biggest head-

portion, even if small, are taken by mistake.

"We absolutely receive reports that that occurs," said Brian Parrish, a Southwest Airlines spokesman, characterizing the rate of mix-ups as "a very small percentage of our customer-reported incidents" of bags that fail to appear at a traveler's destination. A JetBlue spokeswoman echoed Parrish's comment. "While we are not able to release figures, we did some research and found this does happen from time to time," the spokeswoman, Tamara Young, said in an email. Since it does occur, the airlines are looking for a way to reduce the incidence of such mix-ups.

"Because many bags look alike, we encourage customers to check their claim check number when they pick up their bag," a United Airlines spokesman, Charles Hobart, said via email.

But the advice is not always heeded.

Another passenger took a bag owned by Ric Fleisher, an entrepreneur, when he flew to London to speak at a conference. □

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# Amazon ruins await adventurous World Cup visitors

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press

PARICATUBA, Brazil (AP) —

If Hollywood were to set a psychological thriller in the Amazon rainforest, the haunting Paricatuba Ruins would be the perfect backdrop.

Massive root structures poke through the foundations of the once-stately neo-classical edifice, across the Rio Negro from the jungle metropolis of Manaus, one of the cities set to host World Cup matches.

Tourists arriving for soccer's premier event are unlikely to stumble upon the ruins. There is virtually no signage pointing toward the site. It can be reached only by boat or by car for those who cross a new bridge spanning the Rio Negro and endure an hour-long ride over bumpy dirt roads.

Those living near Paricatuba, however, hope the jungle enshrouded villa will attract the more adventurous travelers among the 52,000 or so foreigners expected to descend Manaus for the matches featuring the U.S., England, Italy, Switzerland, Croatia, Cameroon, Portugal and Honduras.

Tree trunks braid around crumbling bricks and shards of fancy tile work. Pythons and iguanas make their homes in the carpet of waist-high brush.

It was built in 1898 at the height of the region's rubber boom, which briefly transformed Manaus into



In this May 21, 2014 photo, Children play soccer in the ruins of Paricatuba, near Manaus, Brazil.

Associated Press

one of the richest cities in the world. The sprawling villa was initially intended to house the Italian immigrants who arrived to work in the rubber trade.

The building's decline over the next century mirrored that of Manaus, which after the rubber boom went bust, slipped into a long period of decadence and decay.

After the Italian migration dried up, the villa housed an art school run by French

priests. Then it became a penitentiary. Then a leper colony, before simply being abandoned to the tropical elements.

The roof caved in, and the vegetation took over. During mango season, the ground becomes slick with the fruit's rotting pulp. The thud of falling watermelon-sized jackfruits punctuates the eerie silence of the place.

Today, it is open for all who wish to visit. There is no charge to roam the ruins. The cost of a boat or car ride to the spot depends upon the whim of the captain or driver.

Children of the tiny village of Paricatuba, which grew up around the villa, use the ruins as a spot for energetic

games of barefoot soccer or to scare themselves silly. Teenagers come here to make out, and older people to get drunk.

Darker things, too, are said to take place inside these crumbling walls.

"It's full of ghosts and bones," said Alice Lopes da Silva, an 8-year-old girl who was among a pack of local kids leading an unofficial tour of the building.

There's the room fitted out with rusting, vine-engulfed bars that once kept prisoners in check. There's a former bathroom with spooky red streaks along one of the walls and a straw broom leaning in the corner — left there, one of the kids suggested, by a witch. There's the spot where, legend

has it, lepers' bodies were burned.

If World Cup visitors do make the effort to visit the ruins, they need not worry about finding a guide. Packs of schoolchildren eagerly greet new visitors, excited by the chance to show travelers their unique playground.

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This Jan. 9, 2014 file photo shows U.S. actor Jonah Hill at the UK Premiere of "The Wolf Of Wall Street," at a Leicester Square cinema in central London.

Associated Press

## Jonah Hill apologizes for gay slur to paparazzo

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jonah Hill has apologized for using a gay slur with a paparazzo in an encounter caught on video.

A video posted Tuesday by TMZ shows a photographer pestering Hill, who eventually responded with muttered expletives and an anti-gay expression. On "The Howard Stern Show" on Tuesday, the 30-year-old actor acknowledged that he said "a disgusting word."

Hill said the word "does not at all reflect how I feel about any group of people." He said that he's been a gay-rights activist "from the day I was born." Earlier this year, Hill promoted a Human Rights Campaign effort opposing anti-gay laws in Russia ahead of the Winter Olympics. Hill said he had been harassed by the photographer, claiming he said "hurtful things" about Hill and his family. □

## Julia Stiles slated for off-Broadway NYC role



This May 19, 2014 file photo shows actress Julia Stiles at a screening of "Filth" hosted by The Cinema Society and Magnolia Pictures in New York.

Associated Press

**AP Drama Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Julia Stiles is returning to the New York stage in a quirky little comedy about a one-night-stand that has long-term implications. The Cherry Lane Theatre

said Tuesday the star of "10 Things I Hate About You" and David Mamet's "Oleanna" on Broadway will next star in Scott Organ's "Phoenix." James Wirt will play her love interest and Jennifer DeLia will direct. □

## RoboCop throws 1st pitch at Detroit Tigers game

**CREDIT: JEFF H. EMMETT**  
The city's favorite fictional crime-fighting cyborg has made an appearance at a Detroit Tigers game. RoboCop threw out the first pitch at Comerica Park on Tuesday evening as the Tigers hosted the Toronto Blue Jays. An announcement said RoboCop's motorcycle was on display at the stadium and the first 10,000 fans were getting a RoboCop cheer card after getting inside.

It's part of "RoboCop Day" in honor of the DVD release of this year's "RoboCop" remake.

An announcement was to be made Tuesday about a RoboCop statue that's expected to be installed in Detroit this year, but that event and a police meet-and-greet were cancelled. A movement for the statue started in 2011 after a social networking campaign. The 1980s science fiction movie was set in a futuristic and crime-ridden Detroit. □



The movie character RoboCop throws out a ceremonial first pitch before a baseball game between the Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays in Detroit, Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Associated Press

## Songwriters behind 'Let It Go' ready a new show

**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez — the Oscar-winning husband-and-wife team behind the film "Frozen" — are preparing an original romantic comedy for the stage called "Up Here." The influential California theater company La Jolla Playhouse said Tuesday that the show will be part of its 2015-16 season and will be directed by Tony Award nominee Alex Timbers. The show is about a man who falls in love and it is described as "about moving past ourselves — and those little voices in our head — to find happiness." Lopez and Anderson-Lopez have written the songs, lyrics and story. A few readings have been held, and now a deadline has been made.



This May 23, 2011 file photo shows Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez at the 56th annual Drama Desk Awards in New York. The Oscar-winning husband-and-wife team behind the soundtrack to "Frozen," are preparing a new musical comedy called "Up Here."

Associated Press

"As you can imagine with the Lopezes, it is witty, it is wicked smart, it is irreverent, and it's youthful in its energy. It will appeal to a broad audience but it certainly will be something that even Millennials will

relate to," said producer Scott Sanders, who has produced the Tony nominated "After Midnight" this season and recently produced "The Pee-wee Herman Show," which was directed by Timbers. □



# 'Hunger Games' salute used as protest in Thailand

**JOCELYN GECKER**  
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**Associated Press**

**BANGKOK (AP)** — The three-finger salute from the Hollywood movie "The Hunger Games" is being used as a real symbol of resistance in Thailand. Protesters against the military coup are flashing the gesture as a silent act of rebellion, and they're being threatened with arrest if they ignore warnings to stop.

Thailand's military rulers say they were monitoring the new form of opposition to the coup. Reporters witnessed the phenomenon and individuals were captured on film making the raised-arm salute.

"Raising three fingers has become a symbol in calling for fundamental political rights," said anti-coup activist Sombat Boonnang-anong on his Facebook page. He called on people to raise "3 fingers, 3 times a day" — at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. — in safe public places where no police or military are present.

The gesture emerged over the weekend as protesters joined small flash mobs, or



**In this Sunday, June 1, 2014 photo, an anti-coup protester gives a three-finger salute as soldiers keep eyes on him from an elevated walkway near a rally site in central Bangkok, Thailand.**

**Associated Press**

stood alone, flashing three fingers in the air.

"We know it comes from the movie, and let's say it represents resistance

against the authorities," Col. Weerachon Sukhondhapatipak, a spokesman for the junta, told The Associated Press.

"If a single individual raises three fingers in the air, we are not going to arrest him or her," he said. "But if it is a political gathering of five people or more, then we will have to take some action."

"If it persists, then we will have to make an arrest," he said.

In "The Hunger Games" movie series and book trilogy, the salute symbolizes rebellion against totalitarian rule, signifying thanks, admiration and goodbye to a loved one. But Thai protesters gave varying explanations. Some cited the French Revolution's trinity of values: liberty, equality, fraternity. Others said it means freedom, election and democracy.

A photo montage circulating online paired a picture from "The Hunger Games" with a graphic of three fingers labeled, 1. No Coup, 2. Liberty, 3. Democracy.

While the strife-imitating nature of the phenomenon is extraordinary, it's not unprecedented. Other examples of pop culture symbols being used to express political sentiments include Occupy protesters wearing the Guy Fawkes

mask from the "V for Vendetta" movie. The practice of tying a yellow ribbon as a symbol of support for hostages, missing soldiers or prisoners was popularized in part by the song "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree" that topped the charts in 1973.

"The Hunger Games" films have been popular in Thailand, but not unusually so. The last film, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" made \$3.3 million last year, which ranked eighth among 2013 releases. The 2012 film "The Hunger Games" made \$2.1 million, ranking 17th that year.

A spokesman for the film distributor Lionsgate said the company was aware of the Thai protest but had no comment.

Human Rights Watch's Asia director Brad Adams decried the junta's threat against the peaceful salute, saying the "Thai military's assault on basic human rights has apparently grown to not only target peaceful protesters, but now also silent ones as well — since now just holding up an arm with a three-finger salute is enough to earn the junta's ire." □



**This image released by AMC shows Bryan Cranston as Walter White, left, and Aaron Paul as Jesse Pinkman in a scene from "Breaking Bad."**

**Associated Press**

**DAVID BAUDER**  
**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AMC's "Breaking Bad" is the champion of a new television metric: more second-screen activity on Twitter

than any other TV series this past season.

The Nielsen company, for the first time, is measuring how many people are reading tweets about particular TV programs the

## 'Breaking Bad' leads popularity of TV on Twitter

night they are on the air. "Breaking Bad," the drug-dealing drama starring Bryan Cranston, is the initial champion, with an average of 6 million people seeing tweets during each episode and the three hours both before and after, Nielsen said Monday. Last September's action-packed series finale hit 9.1 million, boosting the season average.

The new measurement coincides both with an increased interest in consumer second-screen activity and an agreement between Nielsen and Twitter last summer that the long-time television measurement company would begin following tweets, too. □

Another AMC series, "The Walking Dead," came in second with an average of 5.17 million people seeing tweets about each episode. Three ABC series — "The Bachelor," "Scandal" and "Dancing With the Stars" — finished in the top 10 of the new measurement.

By contrast, people who watched television's most popular scripted show this season — "NCIS" on CBS — were more interested in watching than in social media. Nielsen said 246,000 people saw a tweet about the show during a typical episode.

For individual events, the Super Bowl and Oscars led the way, just as each year

both events generally have more viewers than anything else on television. Nielsen said 15.3 million people saw tweets about football's championship game between Seattle and Denver, and 13.9 million saw Academy Awards tweets.

The Oscars had more than 1 billion impressions, meaning the average Twitter user who followed the awards show saw an average of 75 tweets.

The Grammys, however, eclipsed the Oscars in terms of the number of tweets actually sent out by people (13.8 million to 11.2 million), Nielsen said.

A Univision program, "Nuestra Belleza Latina," had the busiest Twitter followers. □



## A Past Not Past



MAUREEN DOWD

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**WASHINGTON** - As I walk up to Bobby Van's Steakhouse to meet Gerry Adams, I'm surprised to see him sitting alone outside. Wearing a dark three-piece tweed suit with a green ribbon on the lapel, the alleged terrorist on the terrace is calmly reading some papers. As is his practice, he has his back to the wall so he can see what's coming. Still, given the new death threats sparked by his detention in connection with a gruesome 1972 case - the IRA's torture and execution of Jean McConville, a widowed mother of 10 suspected of being a British informer - it seems pretty blasé.

"I need some fresh air," he explains, his Belfast burr turning "air" to "ire," an inadvertent pun.

Adams believes that he was arrested because his enemies in Britain and within the Northern Ireland police force were trying to stir enough ire against him to hurt the party he leads, Sinn Féin, in the elections just held in Ireland. Some believe there is a secret cadre within the British security apparatus known as "the 12 Apostles" who have pledged to bring down Adams and the peace process - with improved forensics. Conspiracy or no, the case dramatized Ireland's struggle to choose between peace and justice. In a nation where the past drags at the future and where neighborhoods and schools are still religiously segregated, bygones are impossible. McConville's children, who were scattered to foster homes and orphanages, want vengeance. Adams' friends, like Niall O'Dowd, an Irish publisher in New York, fear that a politically motivated prosecution would collapse the peace process. "The IRA did terrible things, and so did the other side," O'Dowd said. "Choosing a hierarchy of hate elevating one crime above all others is not the solution. Adams is not above the law, but he's equal in the law."

Despite - or because of - the arrest, Sinn Féin ("Ourselves Alone") did remarkably well, making unprecedented inroads in the middle-class and leafy suburbs of Dublin, where Sinn Féin sightings used to be as rare as hen's teeth. Adams has done something that Michael Collins was murdered trying to do. He has made the "terrible beauty" transition from armed resistance to political power. "He is as close to a Mandela as Ireland has produced - from alleged terrorist to freedom fighter to politician to potentially someday leader of his country," O'Dowd said.

Some Americans involved with the peace process think that if Adams admitted, at least in general terms, that he was an IRA commander in the "Bloody Sunday" era, as his deputy Mar-

tin McGuinness has, that it would gain him more trust with the Protestant side.

Adams came to D.C. to give "a wake-up call," criticizing the Irish and British prime ministers for a lack of diligence in implementing the peace agreement. He says he was let out of jail after four days because "there's no evidence," but there was also a lot of American pressure because of fears that peace would rupture.

He said he wasn't scared, though two of his "wee" granddaughters were sick over it. The man who survived a gangland-style shooting in 1984 admitted he had been frightened before. "Anybody who's not scared," he said with a grim smile, "don't ever be in their company."

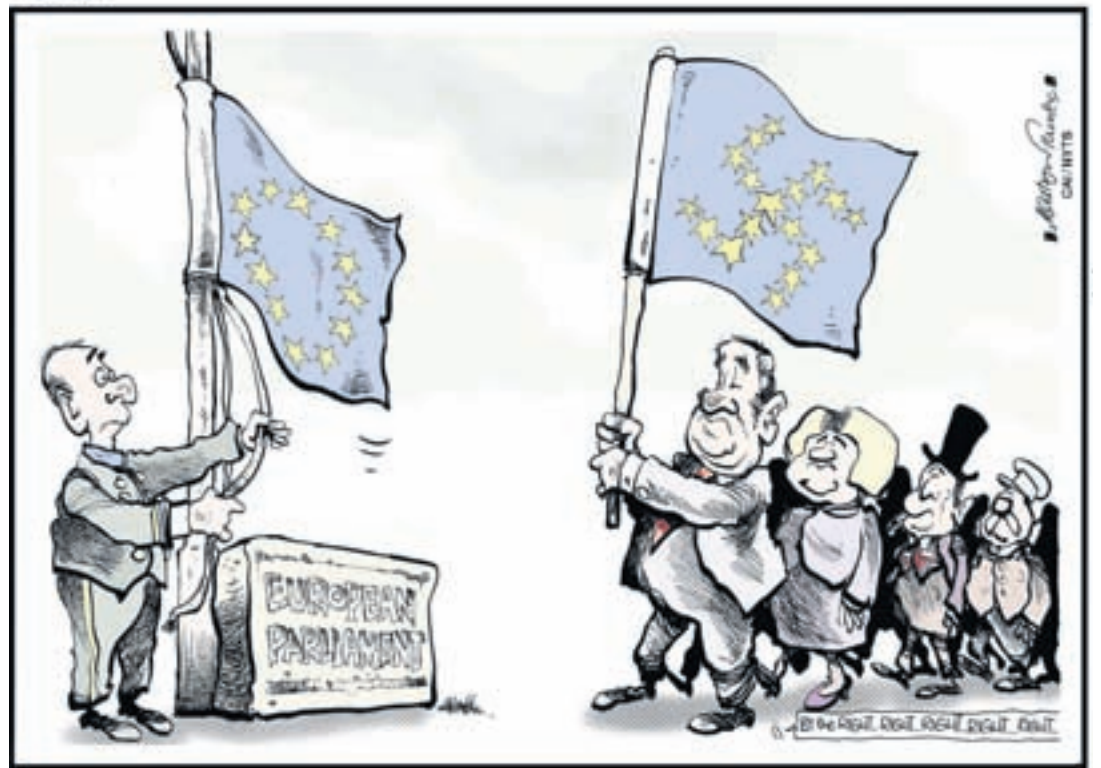
He slept in a cell on a rubber mattress. "The food was so disgusting, you would have fed it to a dog," said Adams, who tweeted Friday that he was looking forward to his first post-prison "big, warm soapy suds with yellow ducks & Epsom Salts bath time! Yeeehaaaa!"

Dolours Price was a beautiful IRA guerrilla, once married to the Oscar-nominated Irish actor Stephen Rea. She told Boston College interviewers that Adams was her "Officer Commanding" in the Belfast Brigade called the "Unknowns," charged with weeding out informers, who became known as the "Disappeared." She said he ordered her to drive informants from the north to the south. Adams, who thinks the tainted oral history project was a British trap, again denied any involvement in the execution when he talked to me.

Price, who had feuded with Adams over disarming the IRA, told The Telegraph she was spurred in part by revenge because she objected to Adams' peacemaking. "They said I should be shot," Adams recalled, "that we were traitors." During Price's eight-year prison term for the 1973 bombing of the Old Bailey - which she claimed Adams also ordered up - she was force-fed for 200 days. Adams said that afterward she suffered a "trauma" with drugs and alcohol that led to her 2013 death, implying this colored her recollections. He said the McConvilles had suffered "a grave injustice" and had the right to know the truth. Does he know who is responsible?

"No, I don't," he said, adding: "There were dreadful things done. Anyone that thinks the war was glorious or glamorous. ..." Trailing off, he shook his head. "It's about killing people and inflicting horror on people," he said, adding: "It's always the poor who suffer most. When you have a nation that is ruptured by partition, that isn't allowed to govern itself, that can't shape its own society or aspirations, you're always going to have this cycle. And we have to break the cycle, so we're not handcuffed to the past."

"The old thing in Irish Republican resistance was, 'Well, we did our best and the other generation will carry it on.' But we don't want another generation to carry it on. We want this done and dusted. No other kid should have to go to prison, have to kill anyone, be put in an early grave." □



## Obama's Foreign Policy Book



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**SULAIMANIYA, Iraq** - When President Barack Obama sits down to write his foreign-policy memoir, he may be tempted to use as his book title the four words he reportedly uses privately to summarize the Obama doctrine: "Don't Do Stupid Stuff" (with "stuff" sometimes defined more spicily). Up to now, that approach has not served the country badly - fight where you must, fix what you can, work with allies wherever possible but never forget that using force is not the sole criteria for seriousness - considering, as Obama noted in a speech last week, that the war that cost us the most were those we leapt into without proper preparation or allies and "without leveling with the American people about the sacrifice required." So "Don't Do Stupid Stuff" would certainly work as a book title today. But sitting here in Kurdistan - a true island of decency near the epicenter of what is now the biggest civil war on the planet, between Sunnis and Shiites, stretching from Iran across Iraq and Syria into Lebanon - I think Obama may eventually opt for a different book title: "Present at the Disintegration."

Obama has been on duty when the world has come unstuck in more ways than any recent president. George H.W. Bush dealt deftly with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Bill Clinton was the first president who had to fire cruise missiles at a person - Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan - in the first battle ever between a superpow-

er and a superempowered angry man. When that superempowered angry man struck our homeland on 9/11, George W. Bush responded with two invasions.

Obama has had to confront the culmination of all these trends, and more: the blowback from both invasions; a weak, humiliated but still dangerous Russia; a drone war against many more superempowered angry men from Yemen to Pakistan; the simultaneous disintegration of traditional Arab states and the nuclearization of Iran; plus the decline of "spheres of influence" dictated by traditional powers from above and the rise of "people of influence" emerging from the squares and social networks below. These Square People have challenged everything from Russia's sphere of influence in Ukraine to the right of the pro-U.S. Egyptian military to keep ruling Egypt.

Dealing with all these at once has been a doctrinal and tactical challenge, especially when combined with an exhausted American public and an economic recession sapping military spending. Obviously, Obama would much prefer that his foreign policy memoir be called "Present at the Re-Integration" - at the forging of a new, stable pro-Western order. But that is so much harder today than Obama critics allow.

Hey, it was relatively easy to be a hero on foreign policy when the main project was deterrence of another superpower. Just be steadfast and outspend them on defense. Where that is still necessary, with Russia and China, Obama has done OK.

But when so much foreign policy involves dealing with countries that are falling apart or an entire region engulfed in civil war - and the only real solutions are not deterrence but transforming societies that are completely unlike our own and lack the necessary building blocks and we already spent \$2 trillion on such projects in Iraq and Afghanistan with little to show for it - the notion that Obama might be a little wary about getting more deeply involved in Syria

and is not waxing eloquent about the opportunity does not strike me as crazy.

I never believed that with just a few more arms early on the Syrian "democrats" would have toppled President Bashar Assad and all would have been fine. The Shiite/Alawites in Syria were never leaving quietly, and Iran, Russia and Hezbollah would have made sure of it. And does anyone believe that Saudi Arabia, our main ally in the Syrian fight, is trying to promote the same thing we are there, a pluralistic democracy, which is precisely what the Saudis do not allow in their own country? Yes, being in Kurdistan, it is clear that the metastasizing of the Syrian conflict has reached a stage where it is becoming a factory for thousands of jihadists from Europe, Central Asia, Russia, the Arab world and even America, who are learning, as one Syrian Kurdish leader told me, "to chop people's heads off and then go back home." The conflict is also, as an Iraqi Kurdish security expert added, legitimizing al-Qaida's shift "from the caves of Afghanistan into the mainstream of the Arab world" as defenders of Sunni Islam. These are big threats.

But when I ask Kurds what to do, the answer I get is that arming decent Syrians, as Obama has vowed to do more of, might help bring Assad to the table, but "there is no conventional military solution" - neither Shiites nor Sunnis will decisively beat the other, remarked a former deputy prime minister of Iraq, Barham Salih. "But walking away is not possible anymore." Syria is spinning off too much instability now.

The only solution, they say, is for the U.S. and Russia (how likely is that!) to broker a power-sharing deal in Syria between Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran and their proxies. Repeat after me: There is no military solution to Syria - and Iran and Russia have to be part of any diplomatic one. Those are the kind of unpleasant, unromantic, totally long-shot foreign policy choices the real world throws up these days. A little humility, please. □



# One Man's Trash: New Yorkers Start Composting

VIVIAN YEE

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**NEW YORK** - For the first week or so, the brown bins hunkered on the streets like alien capsules that had fallen to Earth: gingerly stepped around, uneasily eyed, tenaciously ignored. One was pressed into service as a wastebasket for empty liquor bottles. Another was unceremoniously tossed in a street-corner trash can.

neighborhoods like Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, which has eagerly embraced it, and Westerleigh, Staten Island, which was not quite as enthusiastic.

Now composting is coming to 70,000 more households in Brooklyn and Queens, including most of Bay Ridge, where, on one recent evening before the garbage was due for pickup, about one out of every three households who had rolled

forward, she said, to serving as "the garbage police" for her children at dinnertime. But she noticed a bar code printed on the back of her bin and could not quell the suspicion that the city maybe, who knows, just might be keeping tabs on her and her composting compliance. "Why do they put that on there?" she said doubtfully.

And so, Gasparino is now a full-fledged composter.

For all the fears of a stench, however, few complaints were heard on that score in an informal survey of composters in Bay Ridge and Windsor Terrace, although one family in East New York who signed up for the program said they remain shocked at how foul it could be.

"I didn't know it stinks like that," Donell Brant, 31, said. "You've got to hold your breath." His wife, Charlene

post facilities. But a new facility from the power company National Grid at Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is scheduled to break ground this summer, will eventually turn methane derived from residential compost into enough natural gas to heat as many as 5,200 homes in Brooklyn.

Still, between 10 and 20 percent of the compost treated at the plant still goes to landfills in the form of a dried-out byproduct known as "sludge cakes," which are sent to old coal mines in Pennsylvania.

Composting has become a fact of life in dozens of cities across the country, including Austin, Texas, which sold \$267,000 of yard compost-turned-soil amendment last year; San Francisco; and Seattle - leaving New York, whose sanitation officials long believed the city was too densely and vertically populated for composting to flourish, to play catch-up. Composting advocates cite some startling numbers: According to the Environmental Protection Agency and environmental groups, Americans threw away at least 36 million tons of food in 2012. The waste is worth about \$165 billion annually. Even 15 percent of what is discarded every year could feed 25 million people, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"We love it," said Rochford, who is planning to include more room for a compost bin when she renovates the kitchen. Her husband, who takes pride in meticulously sorting the recycling, is equally enthusiastic. She would find many friends in Windsor Terrace, where composting has been all the rage since the city's pilot started there last fall. Ronni Horowitz's husband never had much interest in her home composting.

"But it's, like, a quest now to see how little he can put in the trash," said Horowitz, 53, who used to compost garden waste, vegetables and fruits on her own. She laughed and said, "Now I have to train him to take the bin out." □



**Ronni Horowitz, an enthusiastic early adopter in New York City's pilot composting program, at her Brooklyn home, May 24, 2014. Brown composting bins from the volunteer program have become a common sight in some neighborhoods, and the city has big plans including a plant to extract natural gas from compost.**

(Piotr Redlinski/The New York Times)

But many sat untouched outside the front steps of houses all over Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, as though their new owners hoped that if they refused to acknowledge, they might simply disappear.

So began the latest phase of a plan to convert the people of New York City into composters, collecting food scraps like vegetable peels, chicken bones and even greasy pizza boxes and saving the pungent blend for days at a time to be someday converted into renewable energy. A voluntary city pilot program has already taken root in

their waste to the curb had included one of the brown bins. "It stayed outside my house for two weeks," confessed Nancy Gasparino, 57, as she walked her dog down a tree-lined block of tidy homes on Monday, three weeks after sanitation workers first collected the bins. "I know it's a good thing, I really do. I have four kids - I want the environment to be better for them. But I hesitated to start it."

Gasparino worried it would stink. She worried ants in her kitchen would swarm it. She worried that the cats and raccoons would rummage through it. She did not look

Despite instructions that came with each bin, many residents have called the local councilman's office in alarm, demanding to know: Do I have to do this? The answer is no, not until the city makes the program mandatory, which may not happen for several years. But the talk of the neighborhood has gradually shifted to focus on where to buy biodegradable bags to line kitchen compost buckets and how best to neutralize unpleasant odors: Storing compost in the freezer works; Febreze vanilla air freshener, for unknown reasons, makes it much worse.

Wynns, recommended cinnamon-scented Febreze. On Colonial Road, Joan Rochford, 60, opened her garbage bin up to show off her trash to a visitor: She had one little plastic bag's worth, for nearly a week. Everything else, she explained delightedly, had been recycled or composted.

The city hopes that the roughly 3.2 million tons of waste New Yorkers send to landfills every year, at a cost of \$300 million, can be diverted in large part to compost. Scraps from the pilot program currently go to local and regional com-